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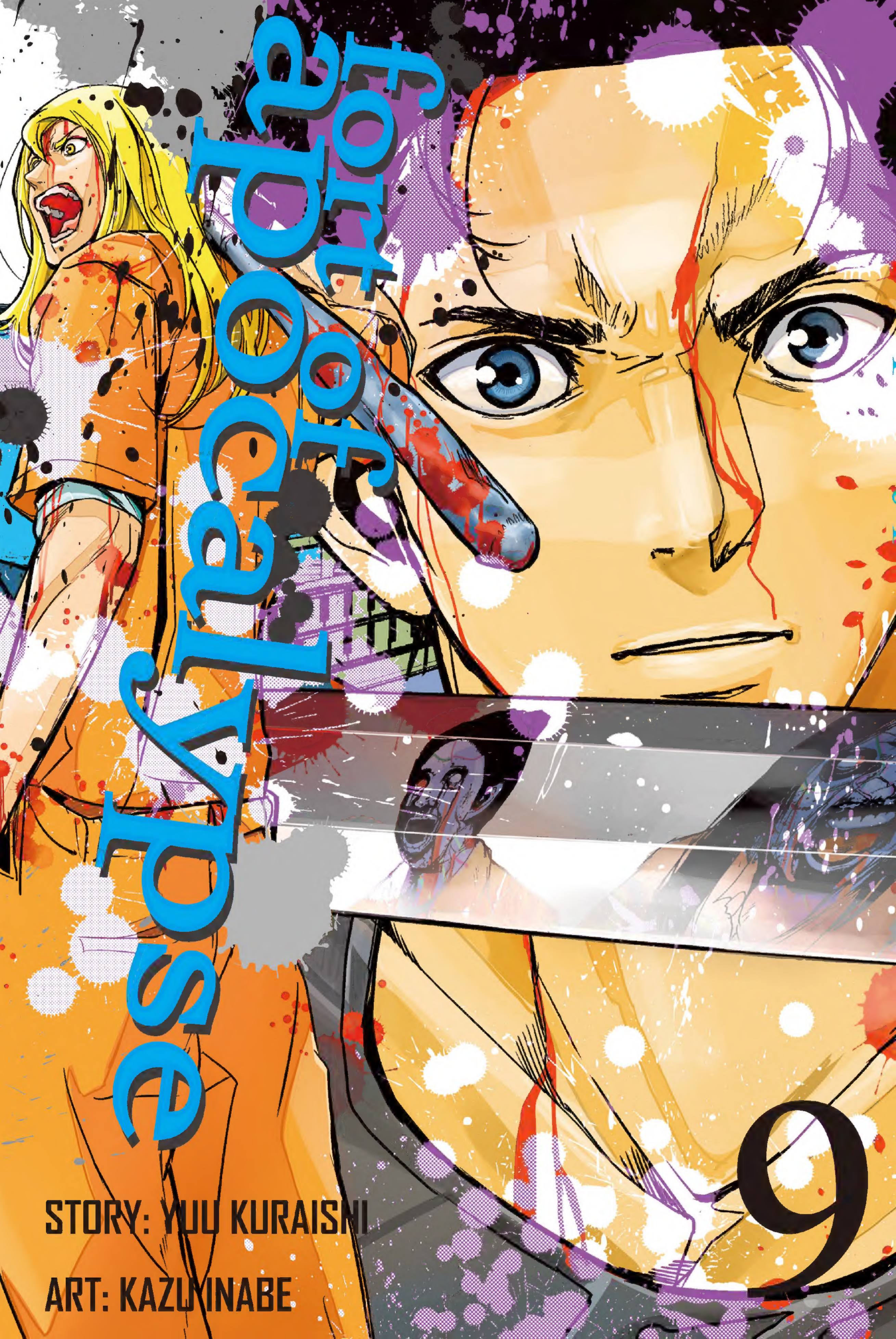

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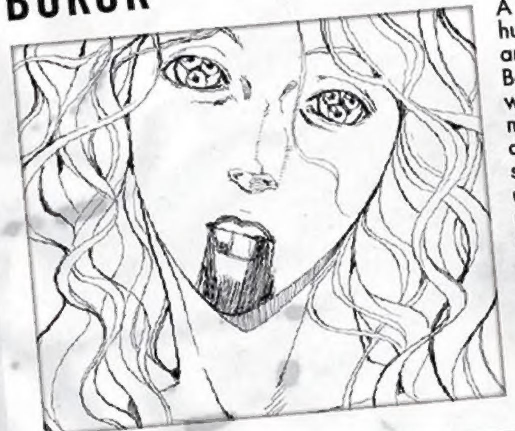
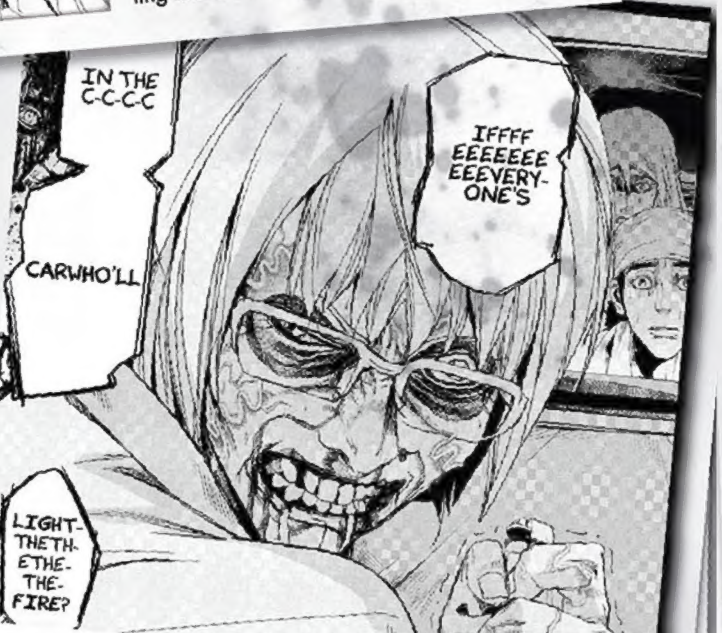
REPORT

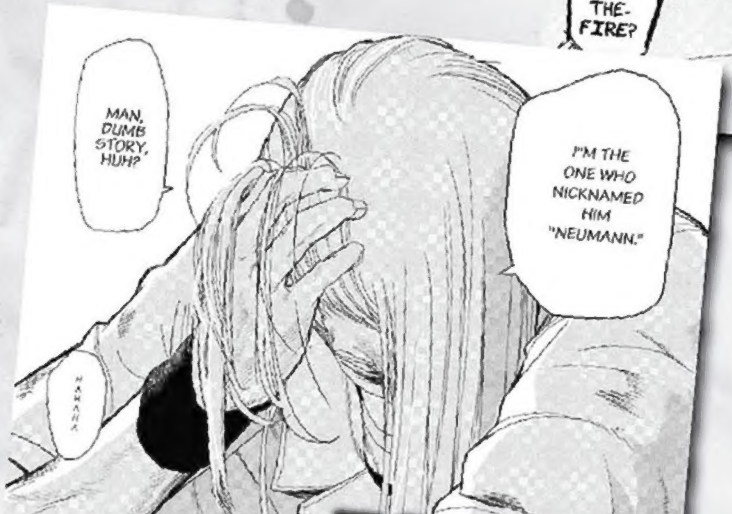
BOKOR



A mysterious man who has gathered a huge load of undead into a "mountain," and he sits atop it. His kind is called a Bokor, after the Voodoo black magicians who can bring the dead back to life and manipulate them. With extremely highly developed lungs, Bokors can put out a special frequency sound that make the undead do their bidding. The undead under the command of a Bokor can move quickly and act with a common purpose. Distinguishing features are a lack of genitals or anus, three pupils in each eye, and the ability to heal with amazing speed. When faced with death at the hands of the members of Cell Four, it bit Maeda, infecting him with the virus. What was it after?!

To help Dr. Sakagami find a treatment for the virus, the members of Cell Four go off to find her on her fortress on Tokyo Bay, the Sea Firefly. But on the way Neumann realizes that he's contracted the virus himself! As his body rapidly degrades and his consciousness becomes more and more confused…he knows that the virus is spreading turning him into the undead, and time is running out. But still the juvenile delinquents keep up their journey knowing that the hope of the human race rests on them!




I'M THE ONE WHO NICKNAMED HIM "NEUMANN."
MAN, DUMB STORY, HUH?
HAHAHA

With only a few hundred meters before reaching the Sea Firefly, the juvenile delinquents find themselves surrounded by a huge number of monsters in an underwater tunnel. Just as they're all preparing themselves for death, Neumann, even in his confused state, is there making a last stand! Neumann's magnificent sacrifice cuts them a way out! They're wounded and lost one of their own, but even so, they managed to finally make it to the Sea Firefly!

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CHARACTERS

MASAFUMI YOSHIOKA

AGE : 18
PRISON TERM : 2years 3months

At first glance, he seems to be mocking people, but he also has a cunning side, and always keeps a knife hidden somewhere on him. Contrary to his handsome looks, he is quick to get into fights.

YOSHIAKI MAEDA

AGE : 16
PRISON TERM : Indefinite

An innocent boy sent to juvenile detention for something he didn't do. Otherwise he's a boy you could find anywhere. He's a bit cowardly, avoiding fights, but at times his sense of justice gets the better of him. He's been infected by a Bokor.

MITSURU YAMANOI

AGE : 17
PRISON TERM : 2years 6months

DEAD

Always calm and collected, he will hand down the logical decision even if it's a cruel one. Because of his great wealth of knowledge, he has a tendency to look down on others. His nickname is Neumann.

GOU IWAKURA

AGE : 17
PRISON TERM : 3years

He's quiet by nature, but his powerful physique presents a presence far beyond the rank and file. He was forced to be a child soldier in Africa, and he is very proficient in a fight.

SHINPEI HANABATA

A father who is seeking a cure for his undead son. He comes from western Japan.

KIYOHARU HITOTSUKABUTO

The leader who basically runs Shouran Juvenile Detention Center. He can see two seconds into the future.

RIKU HANABATA

His nickname is Rikkun, and he's Hanabata's son. Normally he'd be a fifth-grader in elementary school.

DOCTOR SAKAGAMI

A research scientist. She is holed up on the "Sea Firefly" researching a possible vaccine.

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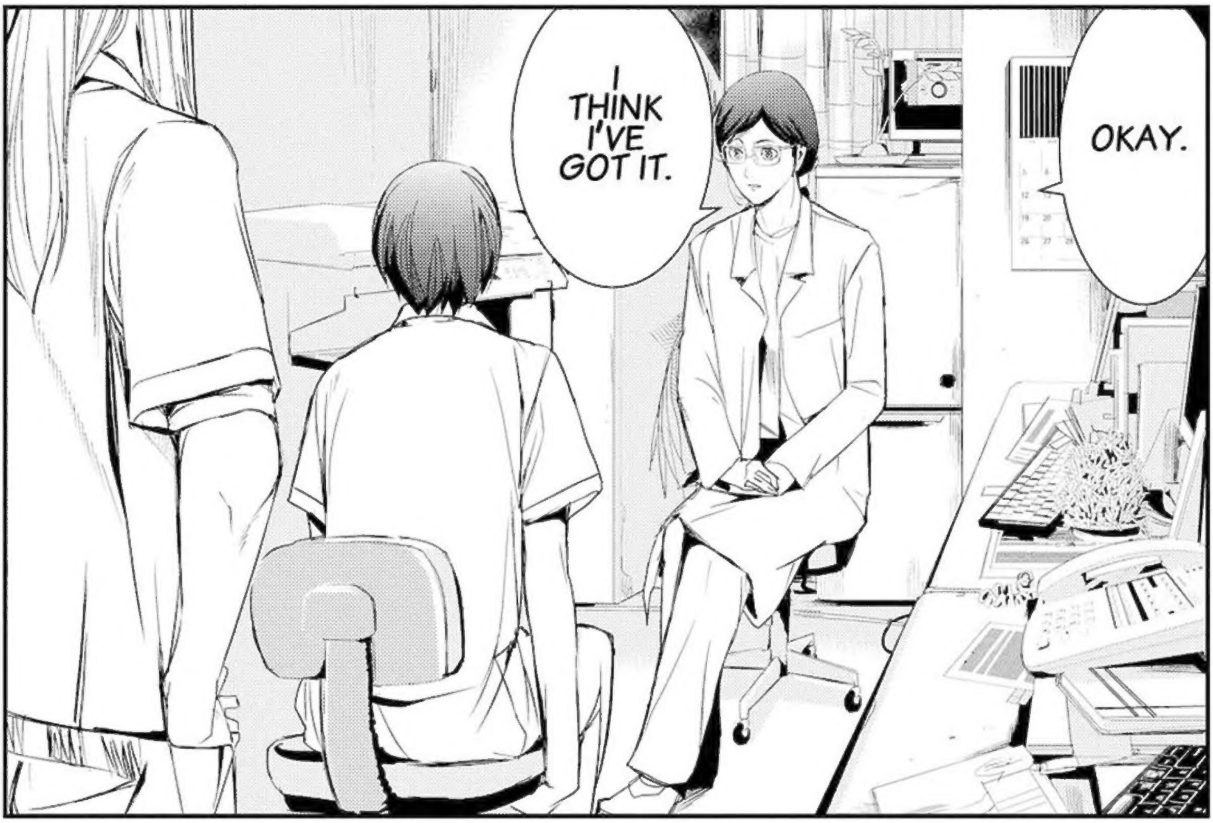
WOULDN'T IT BE SCARED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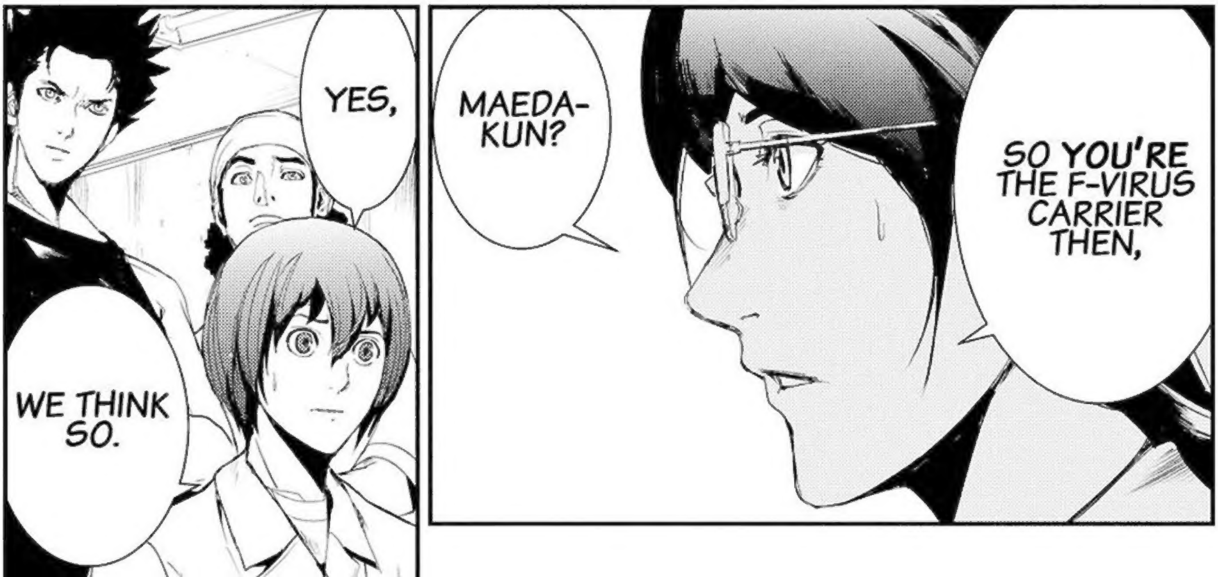
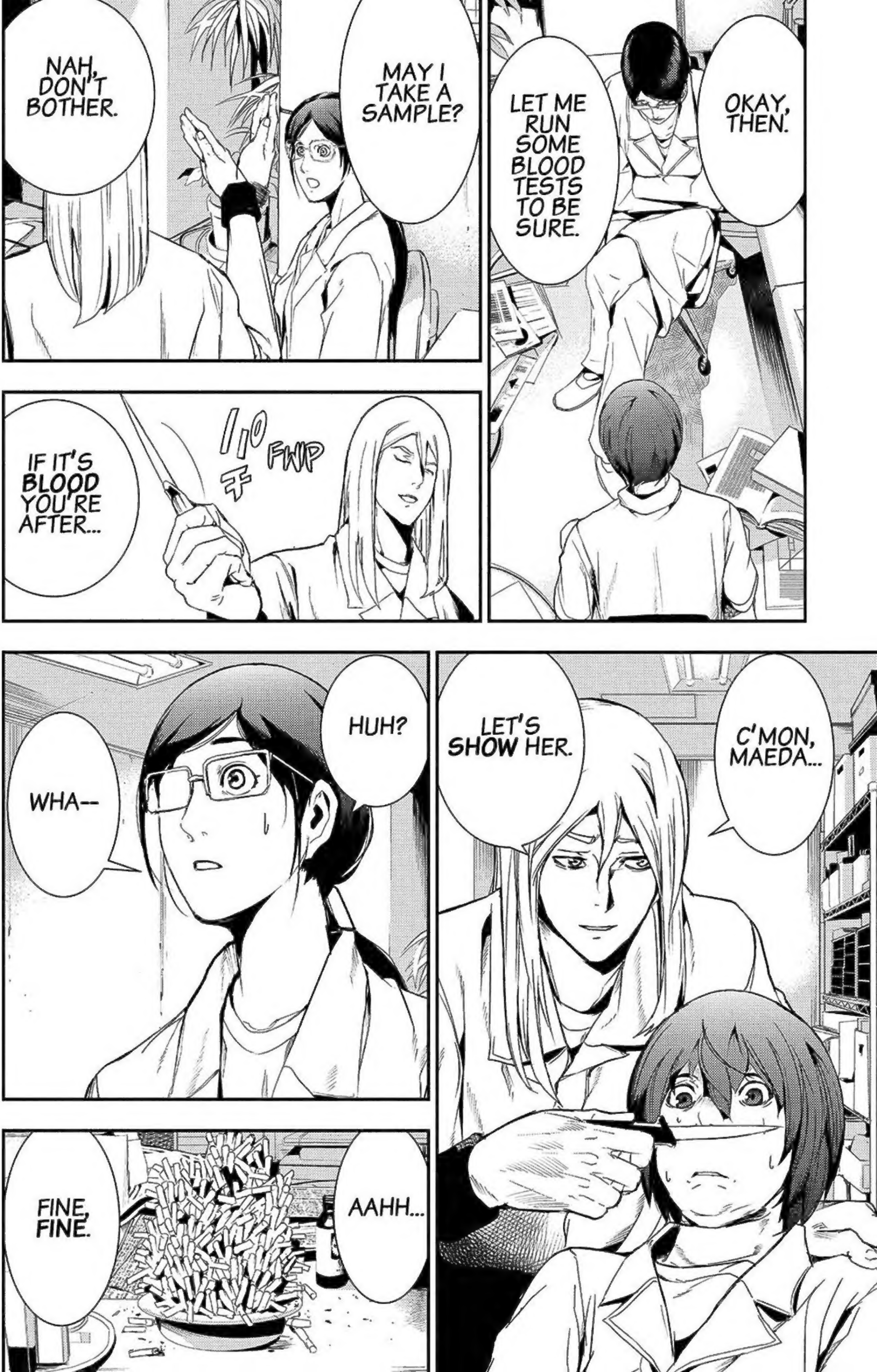
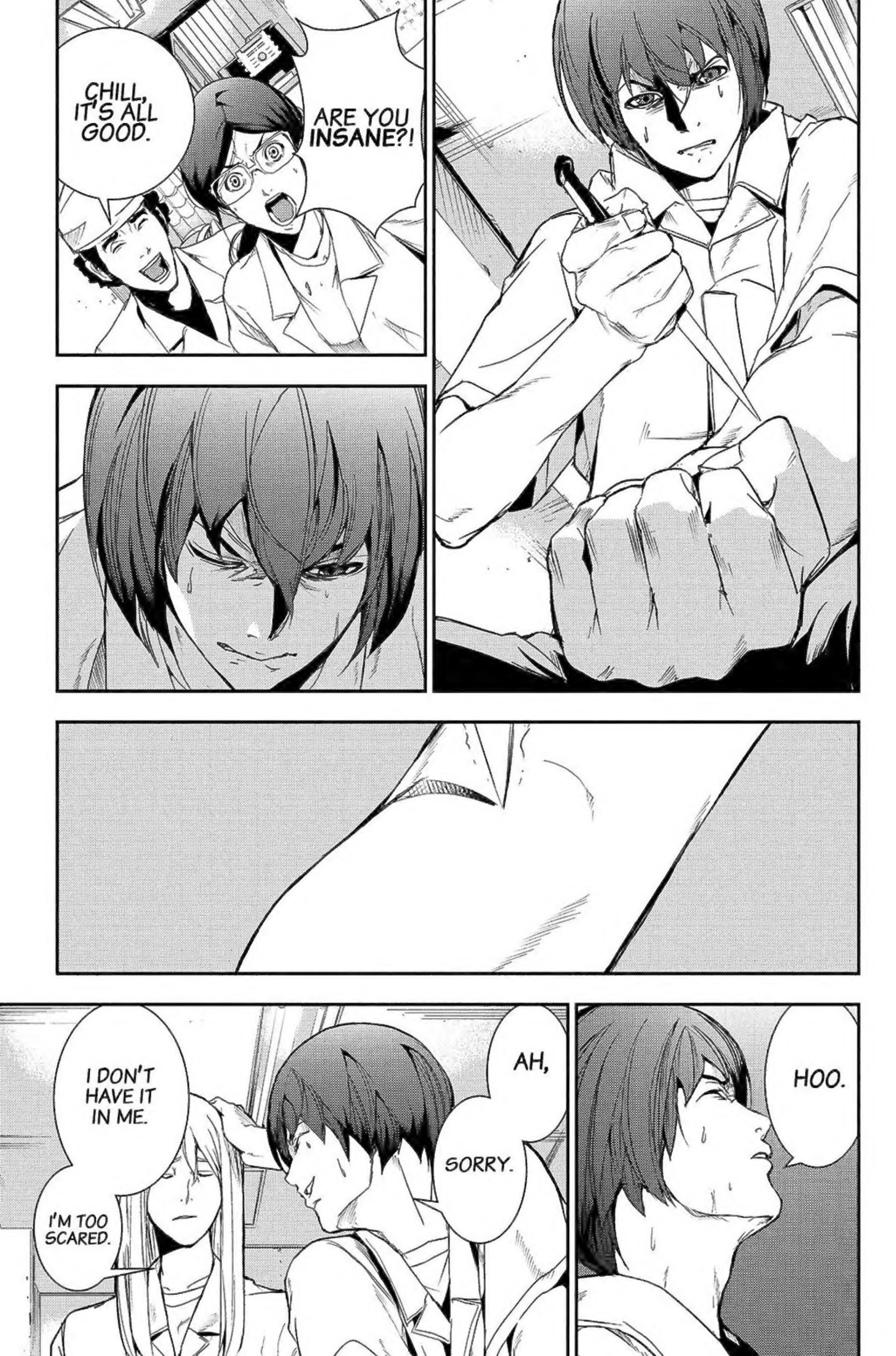
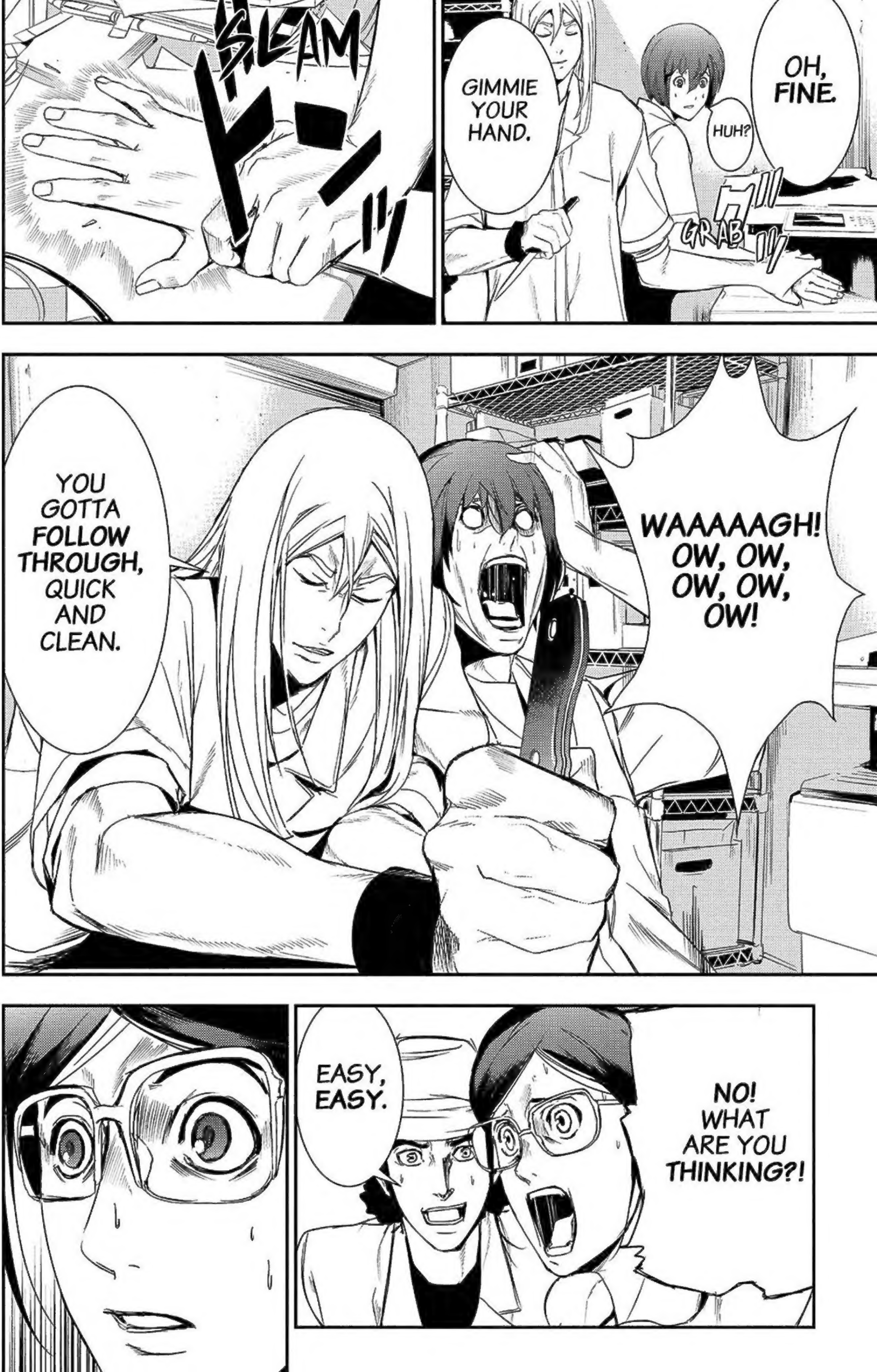
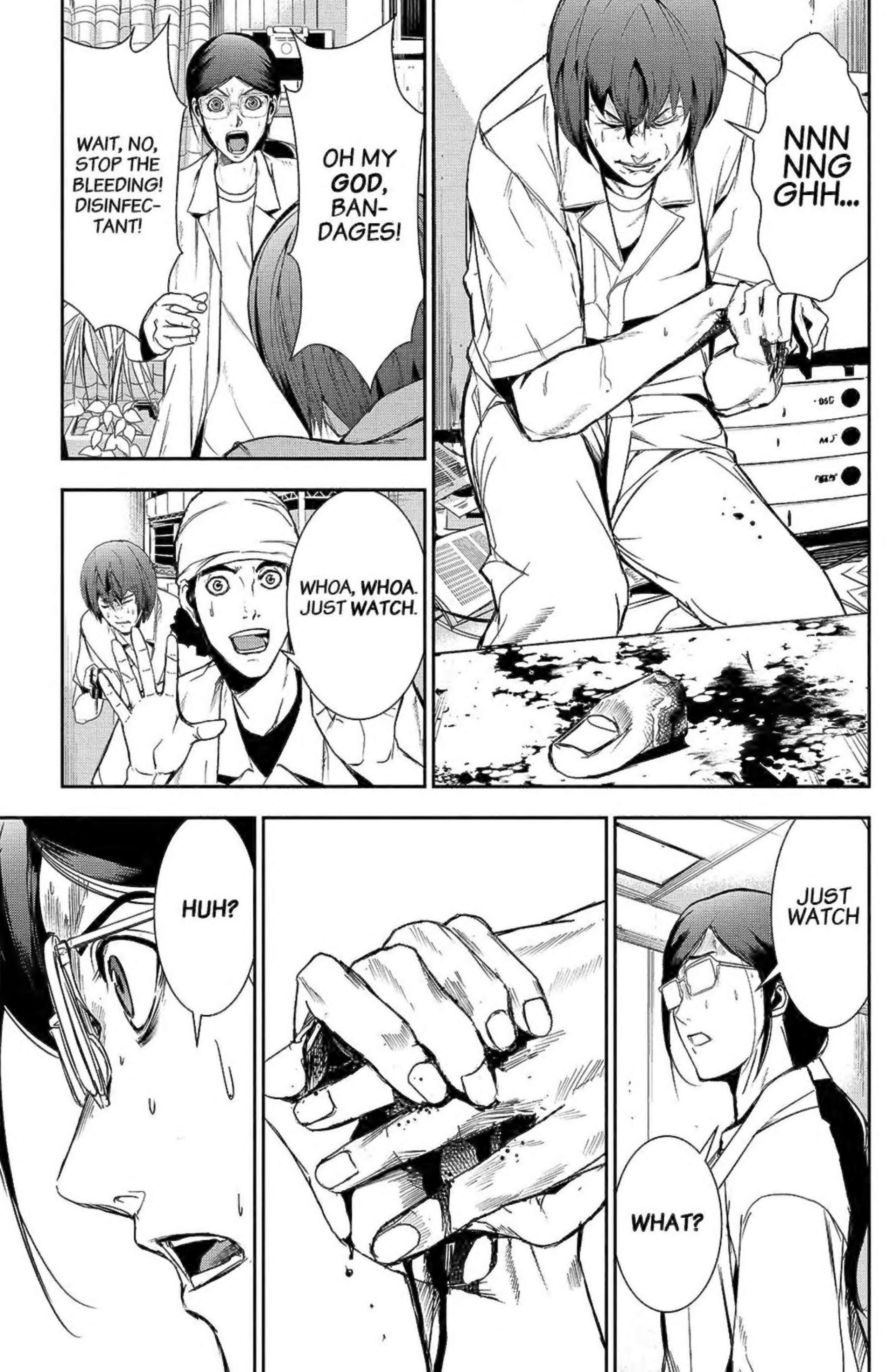
I THINK I'VE GOT IT.

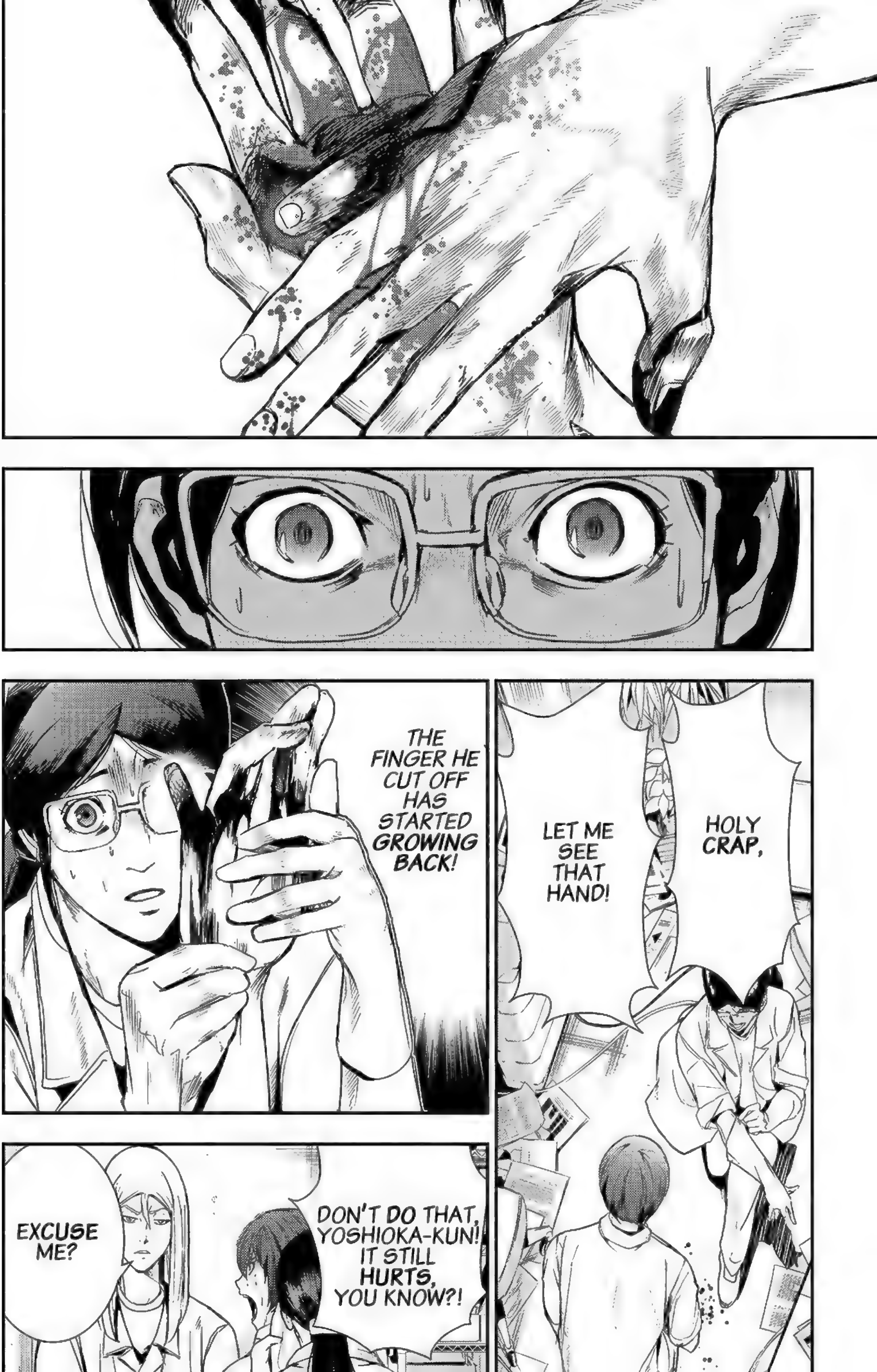

SO YOU'RE THE F-VIRUS CARRIER THEN,
MAEDA-KUN?
YES,
WE THINK SO.

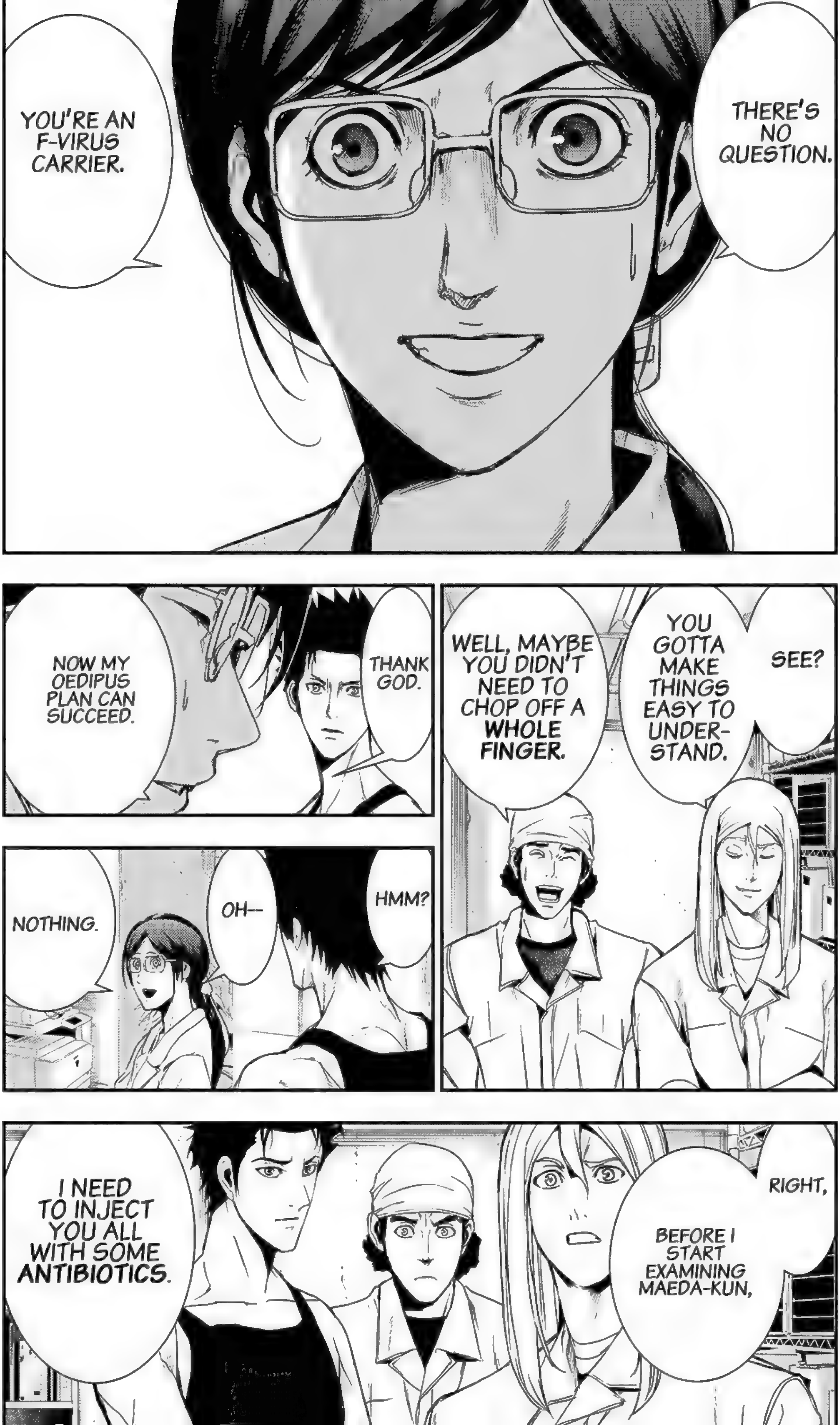

OKAY, THEN.
LET ME RUN SOME BLOOD TESTS TO BE SURE.
MAY I TAKE A SAMPLE?
NAH, DON'T BOTHER.
FWIP
IF IT'S BLOOD YOU'RE AFTER...
C'MON, MAEDA...
LET'S SHOW HER.
HUH?
WHA--
AAHH...
FINE, FINE.

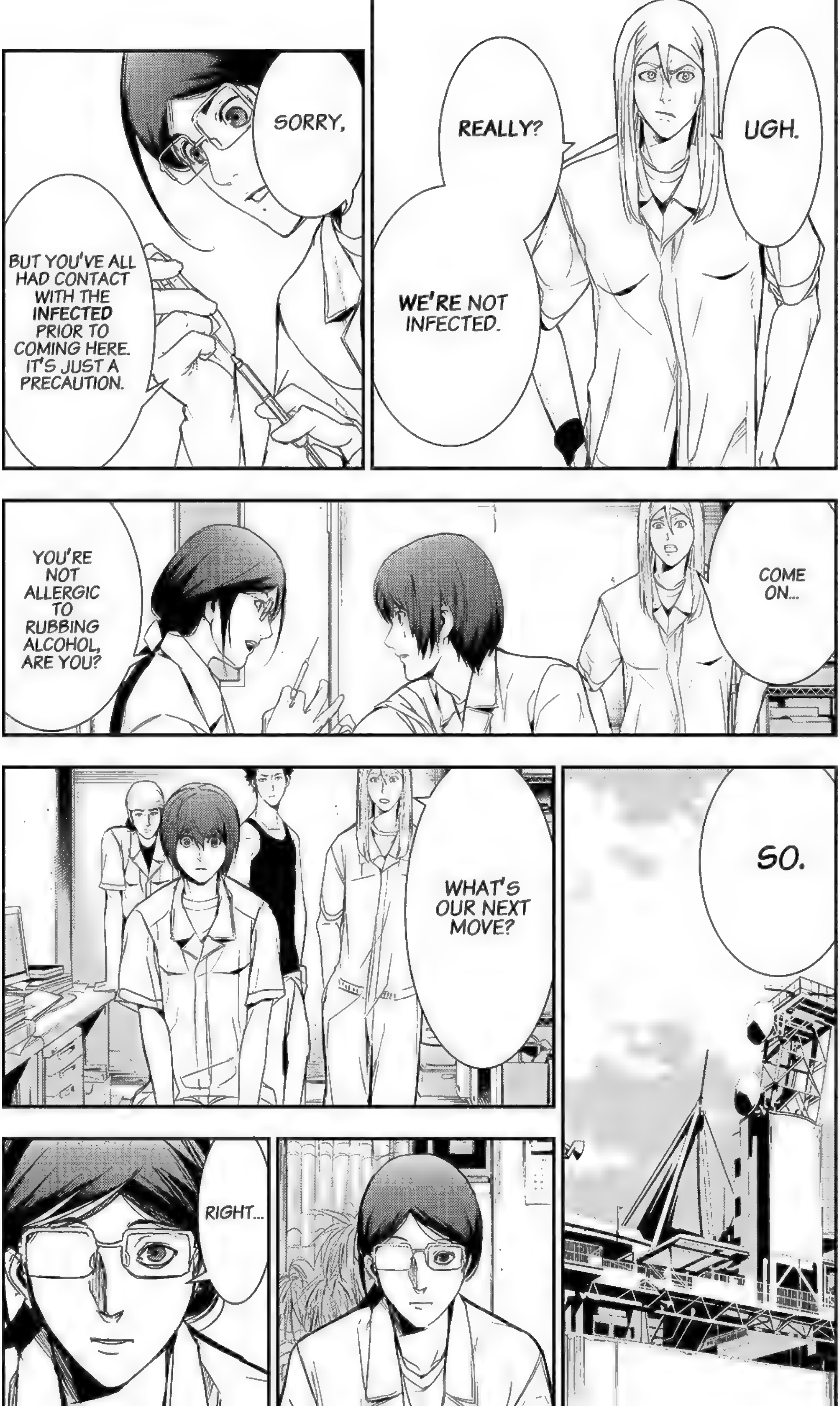

ARE YOU INSANE?!
CHILL, IT'S ALL GOOD.
HOO.
AH,
SORRY.
I DON'T HAVE IT IN ME.
I'M TOO SCARED.

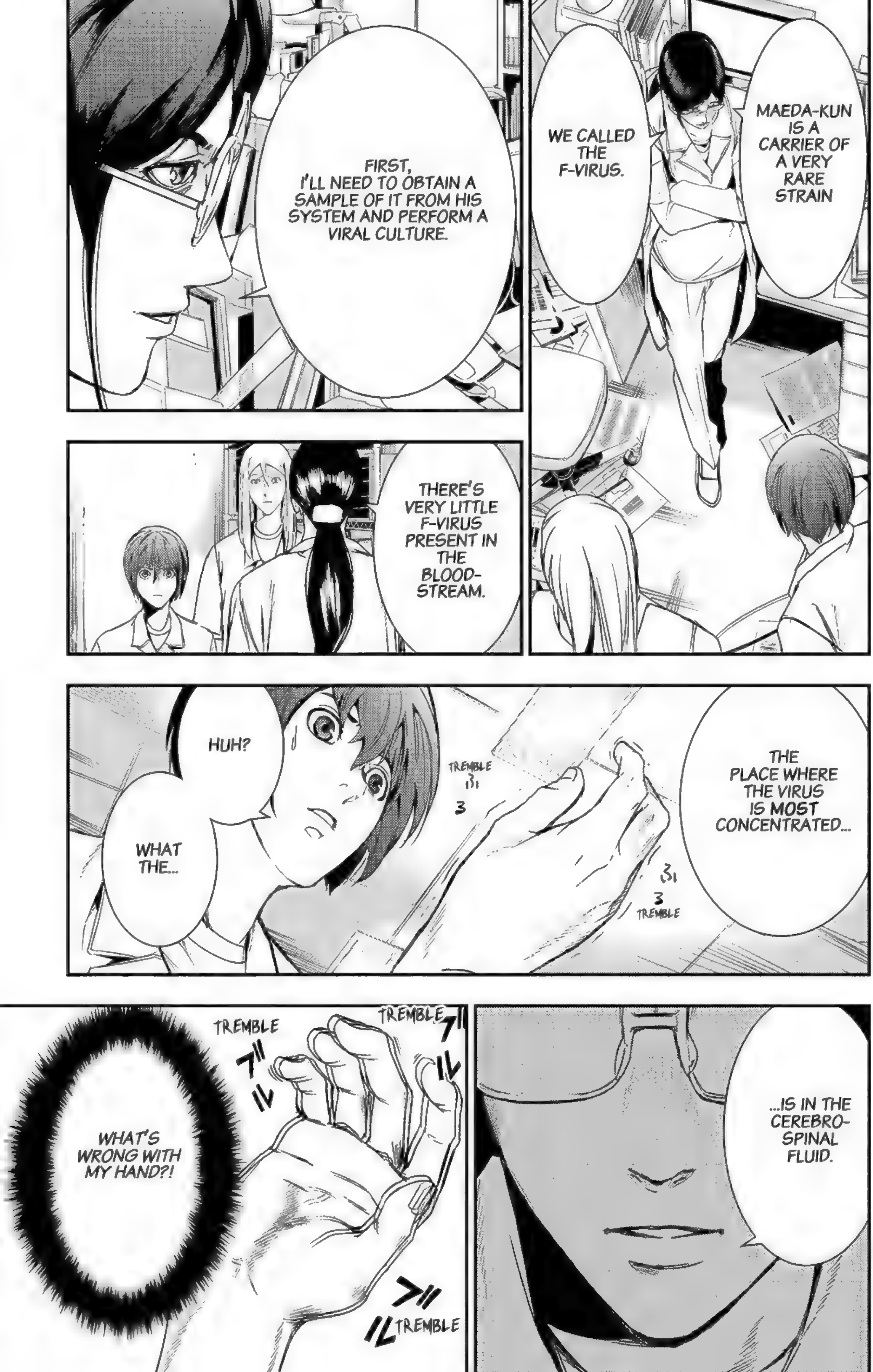

OH, FINE.
HUH?
GRAB
GIMMIE YOUR HAND.
SLAM
WAAAAAGH! OW, OW, OW, OW, OW!
YOU GOTTA FOLLOW THROUGH, QUICK AND CLEAN.
NO! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
EASY, EASY.


NNN NNG GHH...
OH MY GOD, BANDAGES!
WAIT, NO, STOP THE BLEEDING! DISINFECTANT!
WHOA, WHOA. JUST WATCH.
JUST WATCH
WHAT?
HUH?


HOLY CRAP,
LET ME SEE THAT HAND!
THE FINGER HE CUT OFF HAS STARTED GROWING BACK!
DON'T DO THAT, YOSHIOKA-KUN! IT STILL HURTS, YOU KNOW?!
EXCUSE ME?


THERE'S NO QUESTION.
YOU'RE AN F-VIRUS CARRIER.
SEE?
YOU GOTTA MAKE THINGS EASY TO UNDERSTAND.
WELL, MAYBE YOU DIDN'T NEED TO CHOP OFF A **WHOLE FINGER.**
THANK GOD.
NOW MY OEDIPUS PLAN CAN SUCCEED.
HMM?
OH--
NOTHING.
RIGHT,
BEFORE I START EXAMINING MAEDA-KUN,
I NEED TO INJECT YOU ALL WITH SOME **ANTIBIOTICS.**


UGH.
REALLY?
WE'RE NOT INFECTED.
SORRY,
BUT YOU'VE ALL HAD CONTACT WITH THE INFECTED PRIOR TO COMING HERE. IT'S JUST A PRECAUTION.
COME ON...
YOU'RE NOT ALLERGIC TO RUBBING ALCOHOL, ARE YOU?
SO.
WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?
RIGHT...


MAEDA-KUN IS A CARRIER OF A VERY RARE STRAIN
WE CALLED THE F-VIRUS.
FIRST, I'LL NEED TO OBTAIN A SAMPLE OF IT FROM HIS SYSTEM AND PERFORM A VIRAL CULTURE.
THERE'S VERY LITTLE F-VIRUS PRESENT IN THE BLOODSTREAM.
THE PLACE WHERE THE VIRUS IS MOST CONCENTRATED...
TREMBLE
ふる
TREMBLE
ふる
HUH?
WHAT THE...
...IS IN THE CEREBROSPINAL FLUID.
TREMBLE
ブル
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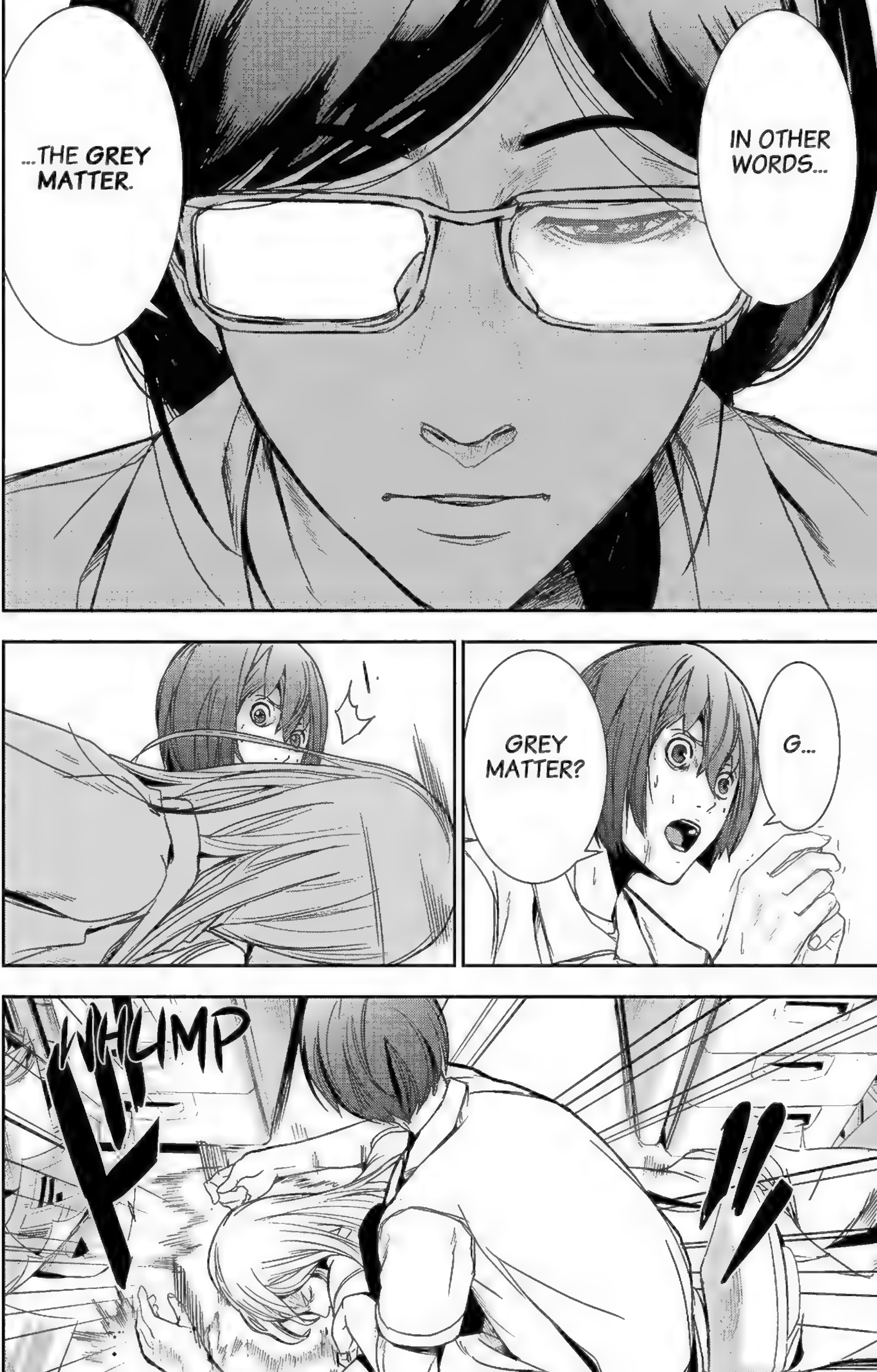
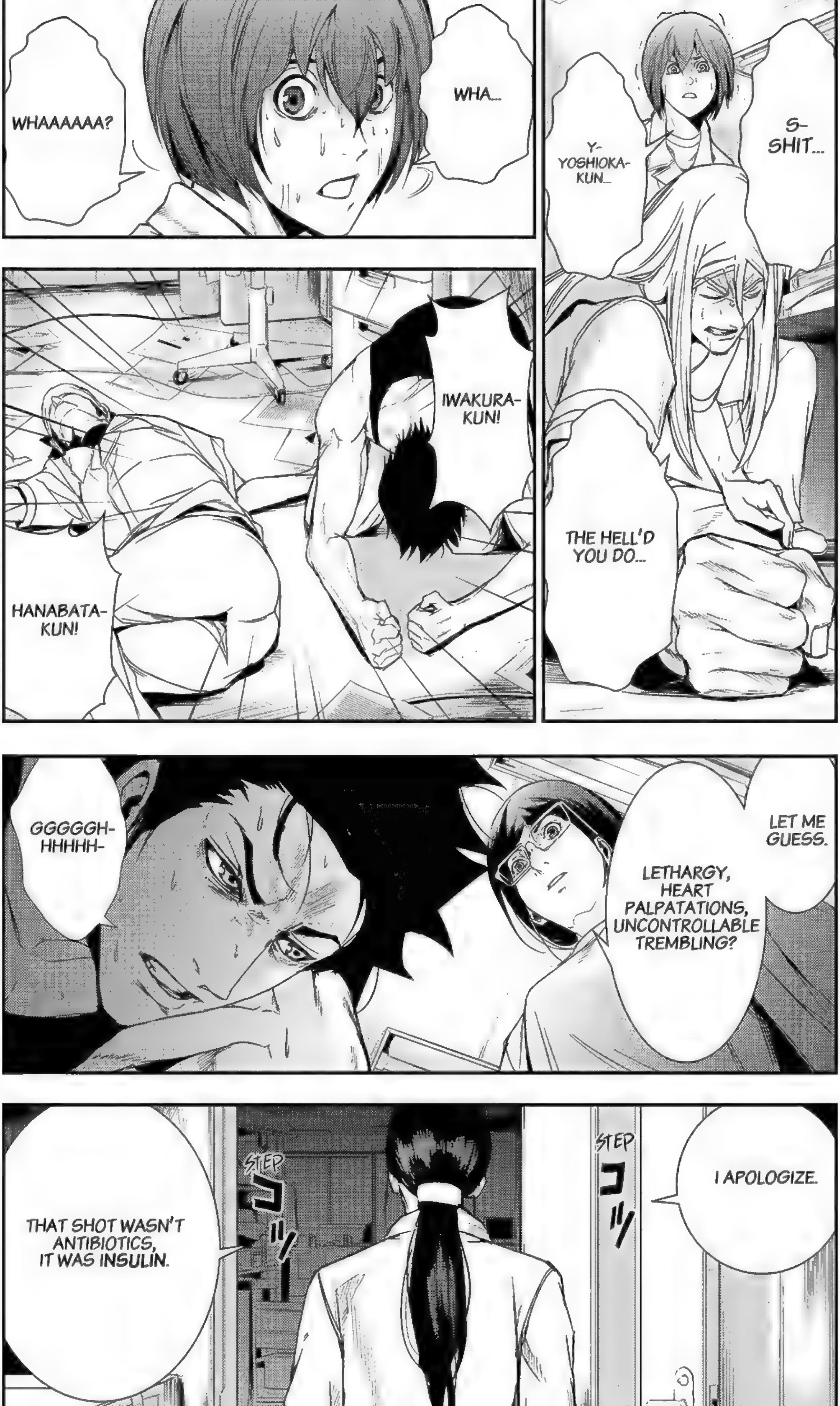
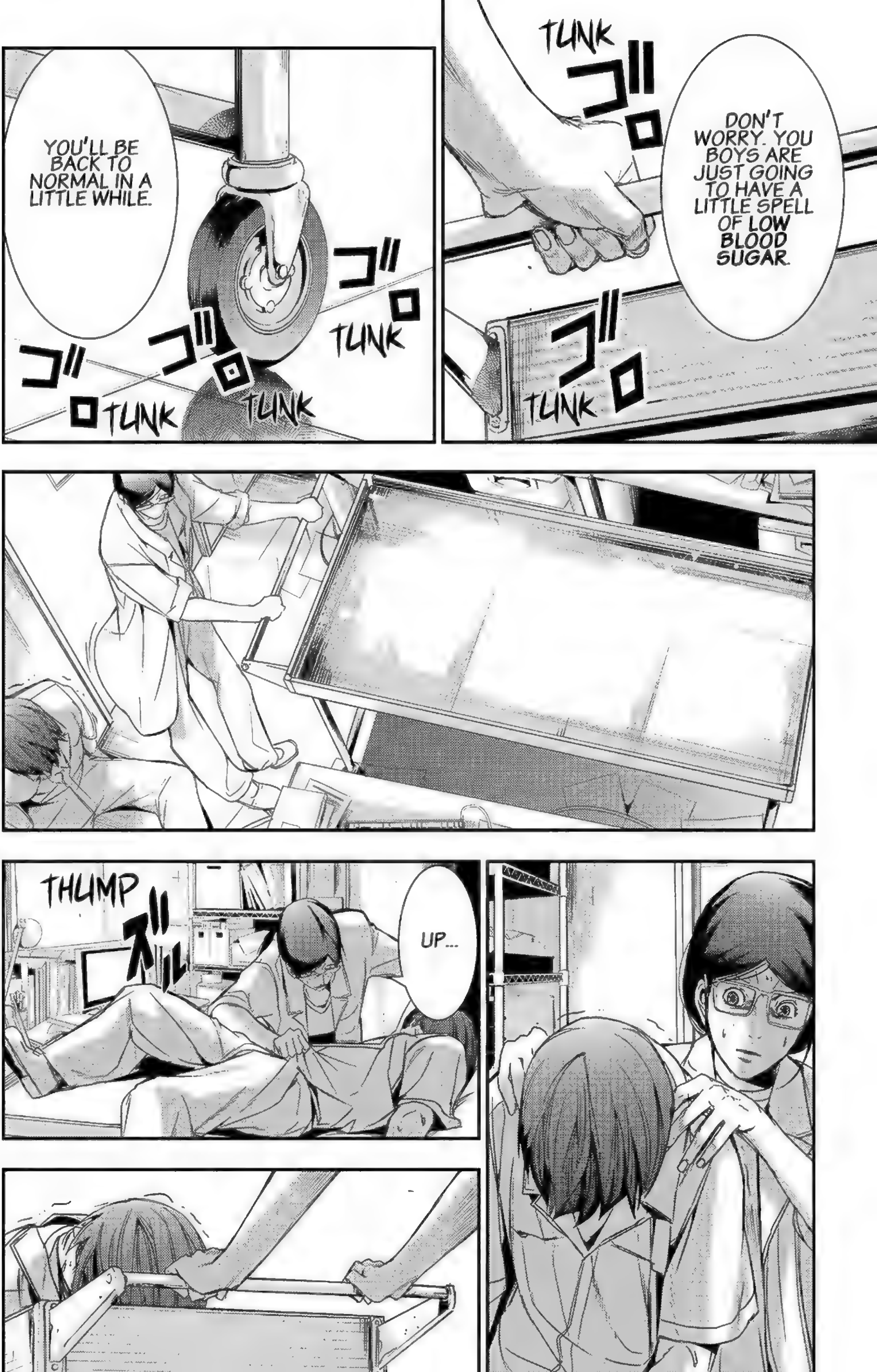
ブル
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY HAND?!


IN OTHER WORDS...
...THE GREY MATTER.
G...
GREY MATTER?
!
WHUMP


WHA...
WHAAAAAA?
IWAKURA-KUN!
HANABATA-KUN!
S-SHIT...
Y-YOSHIOKA-KUN...
THE HELL'D YOU DO...
LET ME GUESS.
LETHARGY, HEART PALPATATIONS, UNCONTROLLABLE TREMBLING?
GGGGGH-HHHHH-
I APOLOGIZE.
STEP
コツ
STEP
コツ
THAT SHOT WASN'T ANTIBIOTICS, IT WAS INSULIN.


TUNK
ゴロ
DON'T WORRY. YOU BOYS ARE JUST GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE SPELL OF LOW BLOOD SUGAR.
ゴロ
TUNK
YOU'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL IN A LITTLE WHILE.
ゴロ
TUNK
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TUNK
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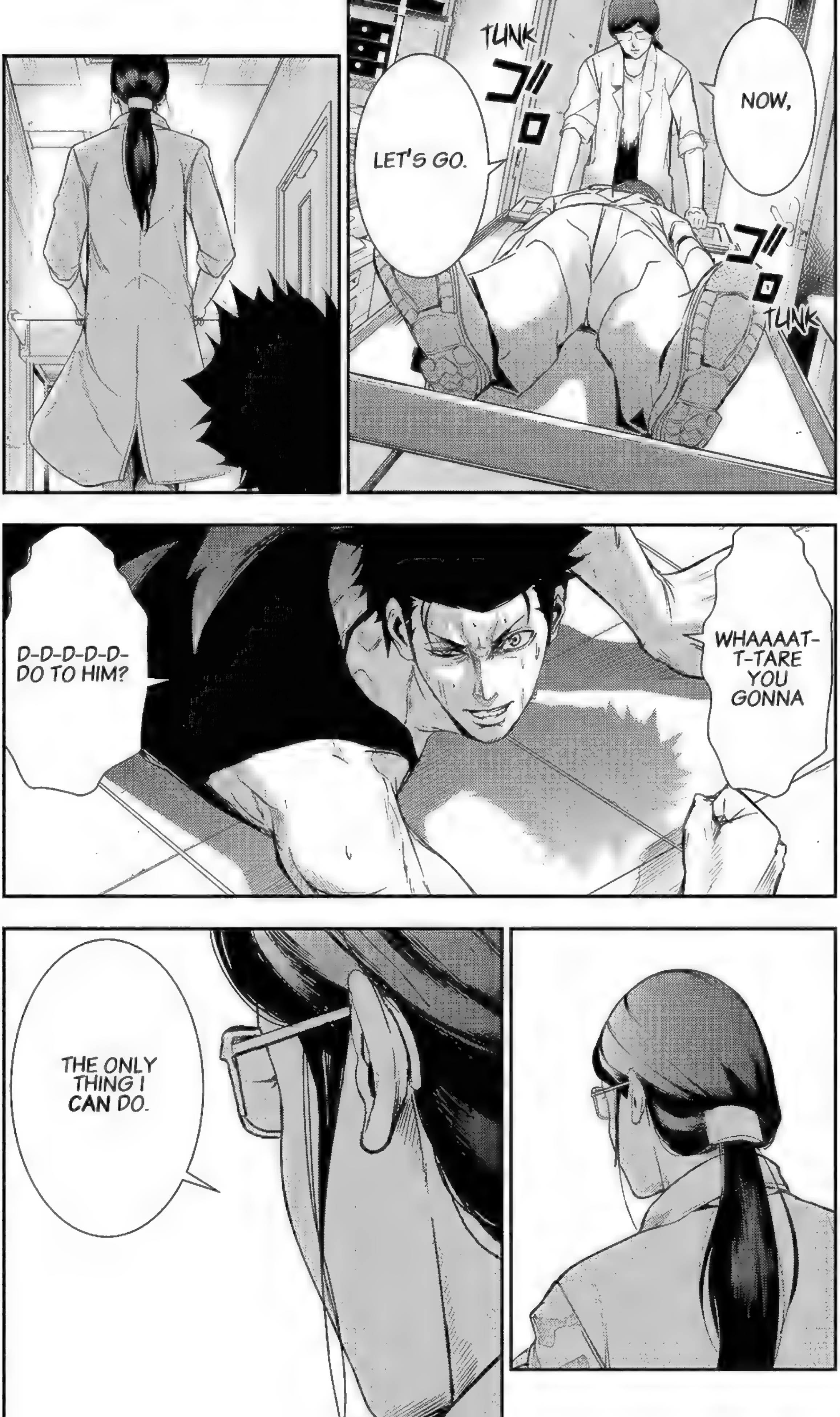
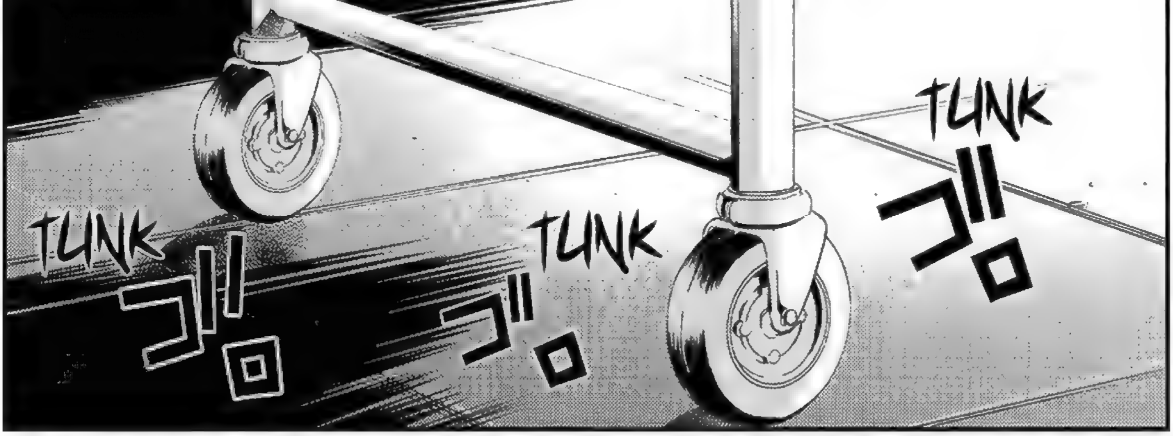
TUNK
UP...
THUMP
ズル


NOW,
LET'S GO.
TUNK
ゴロ
ゴロ
TUNK
WHAAAAT-T-TARE YOU GONNA
D-D-D-D-D-DO TO HIM?
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO.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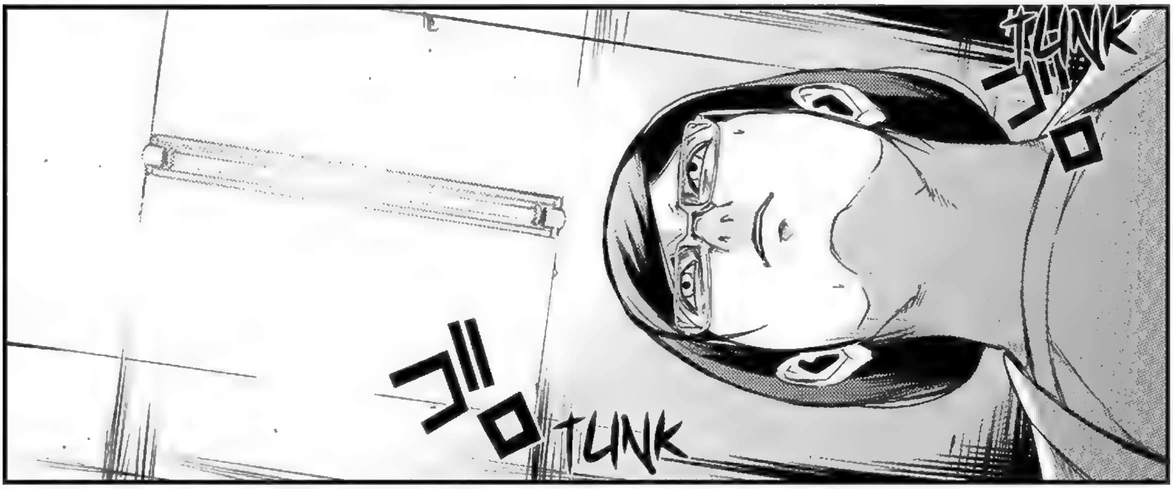
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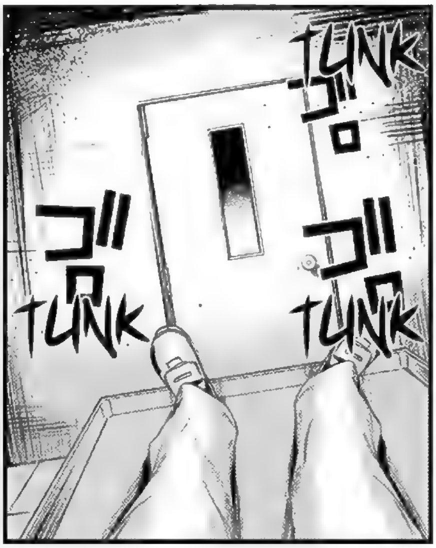
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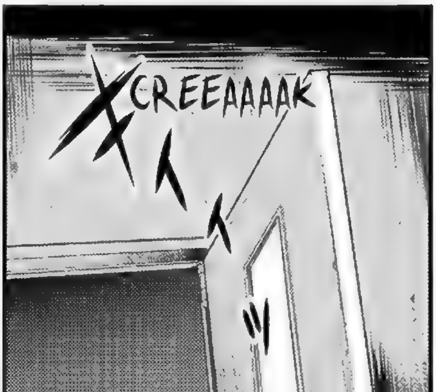
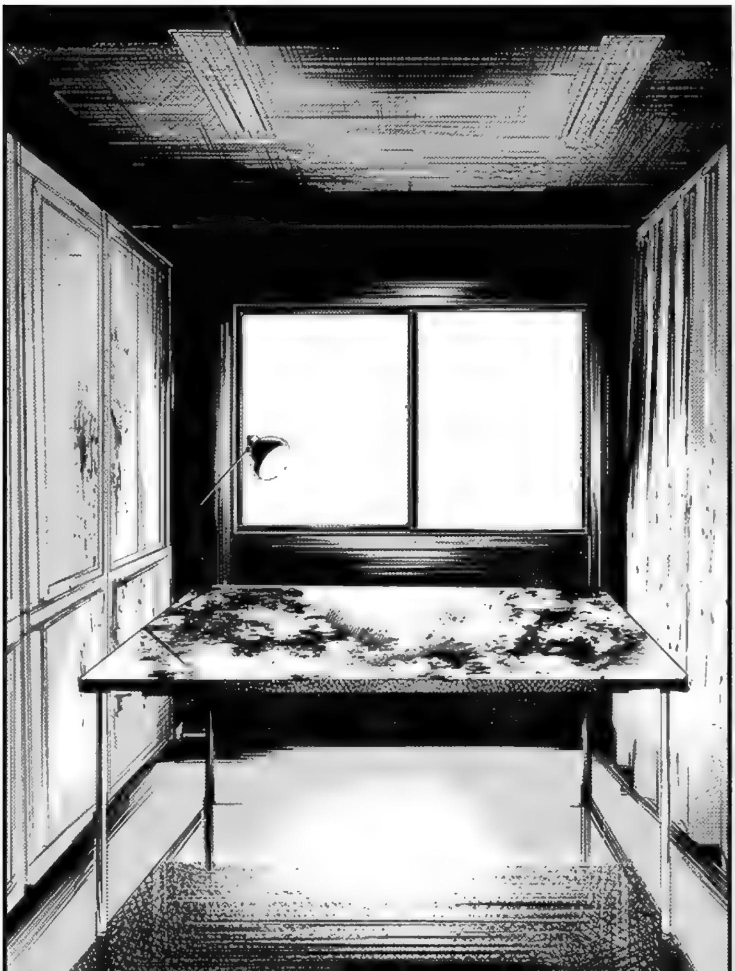
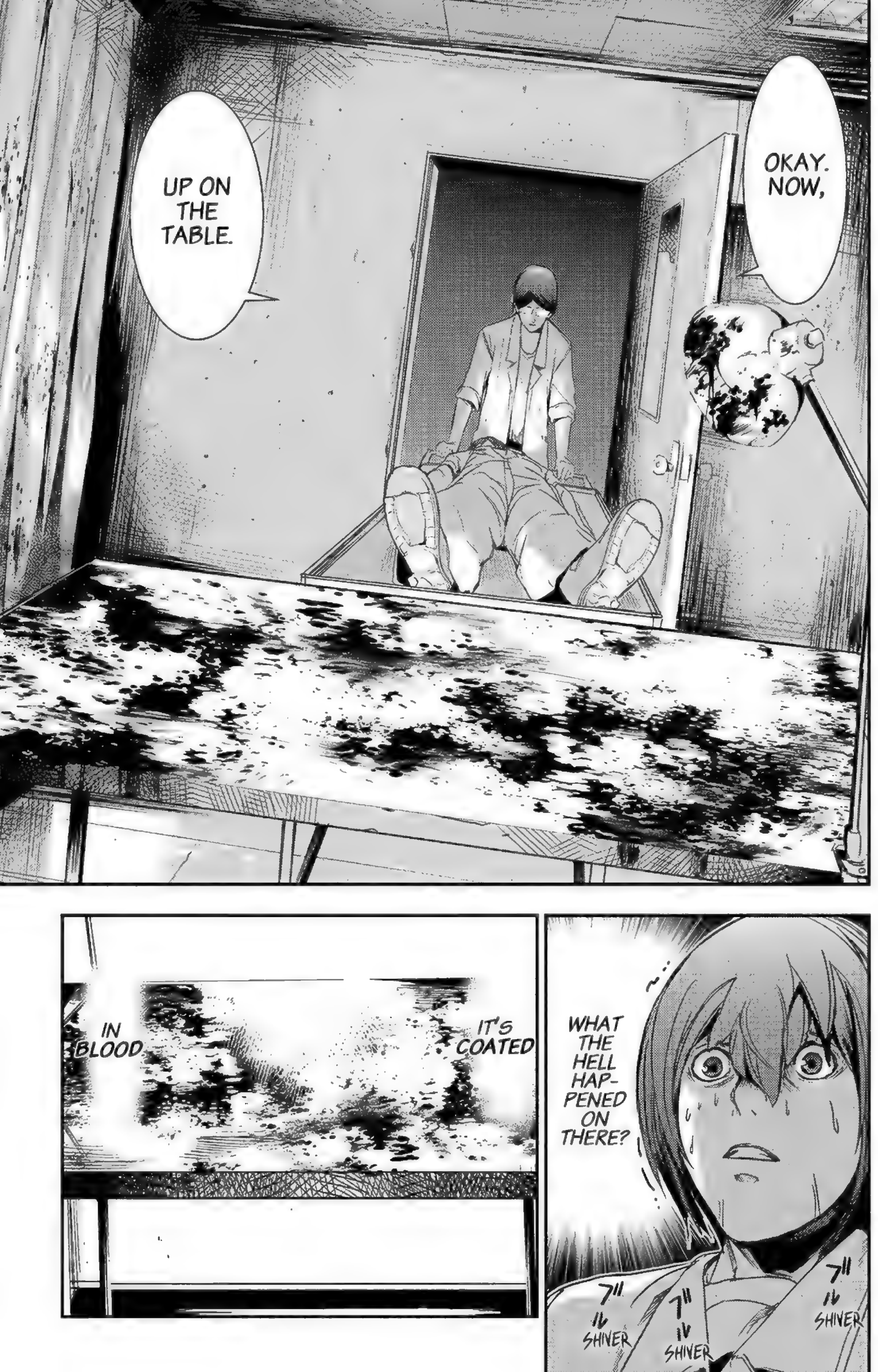
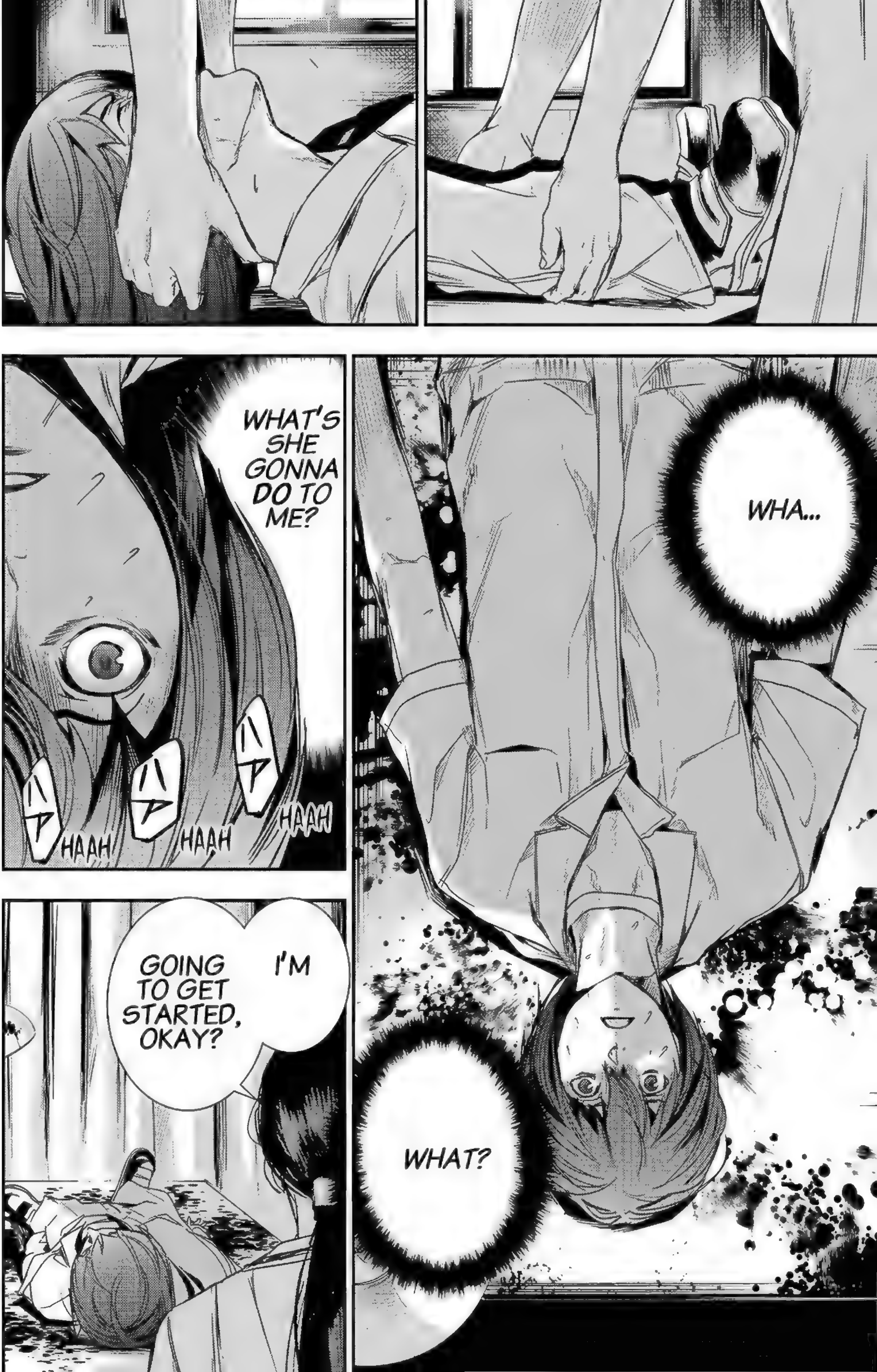
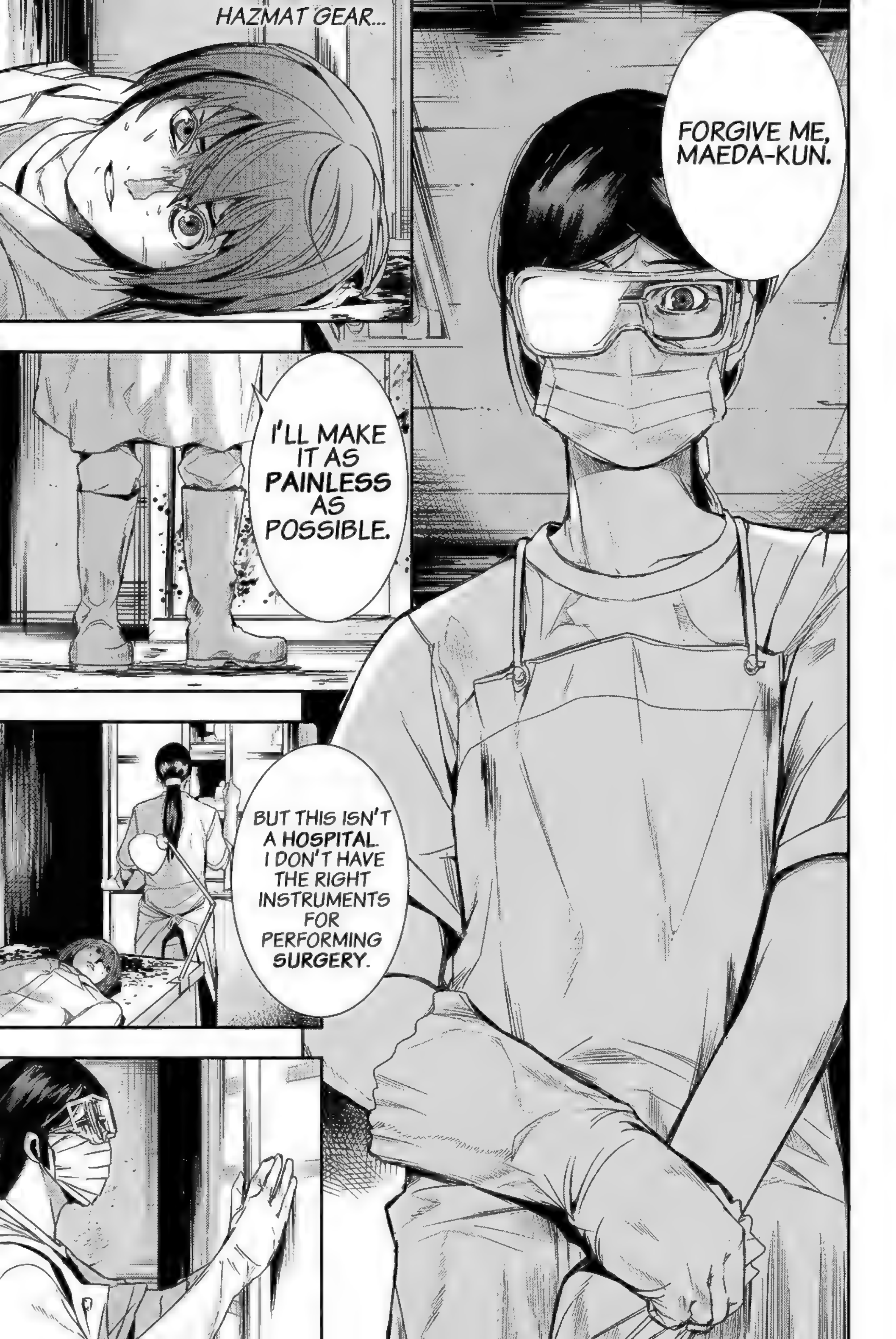
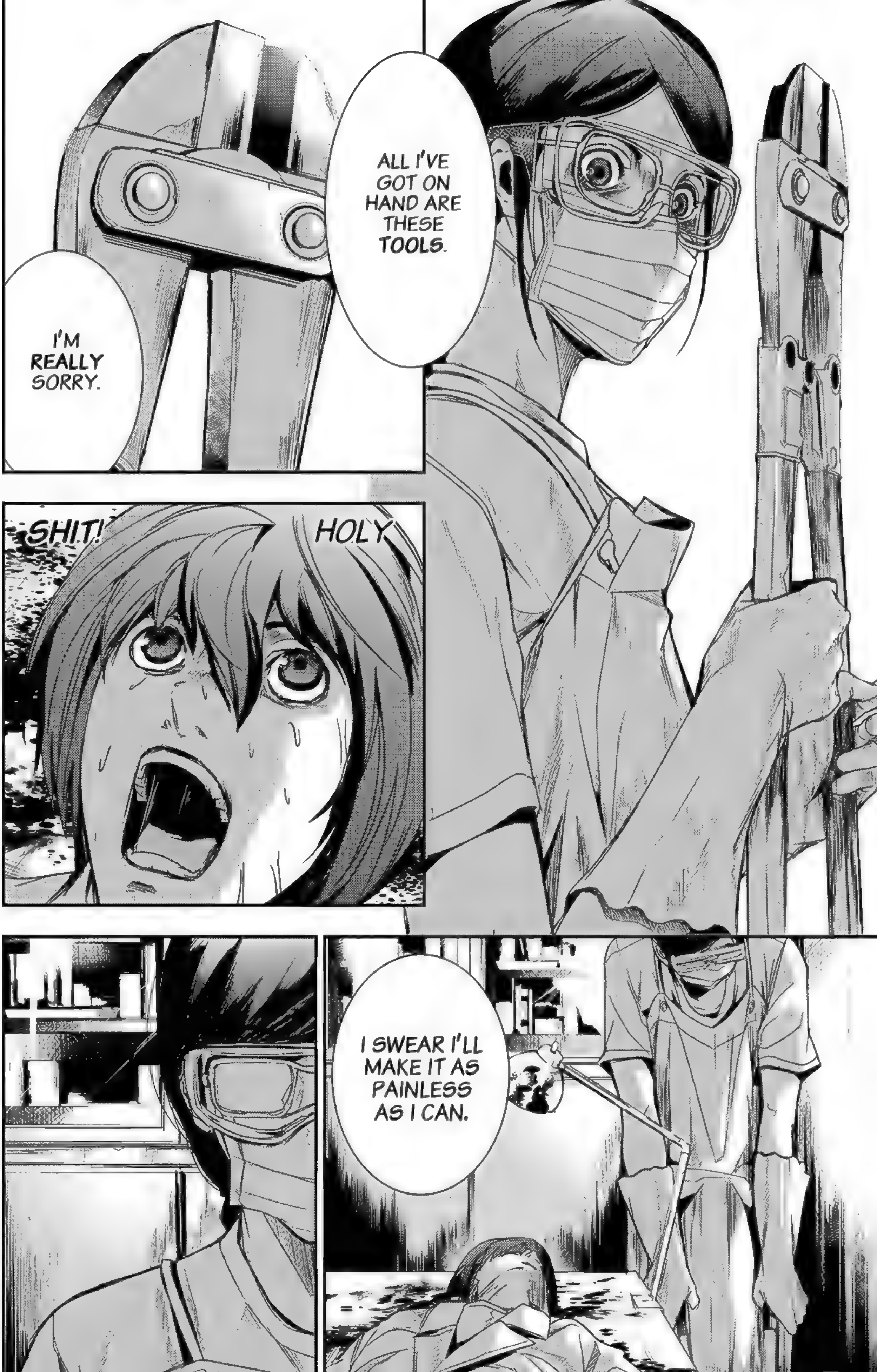

CREEAAAK
ギイイッ

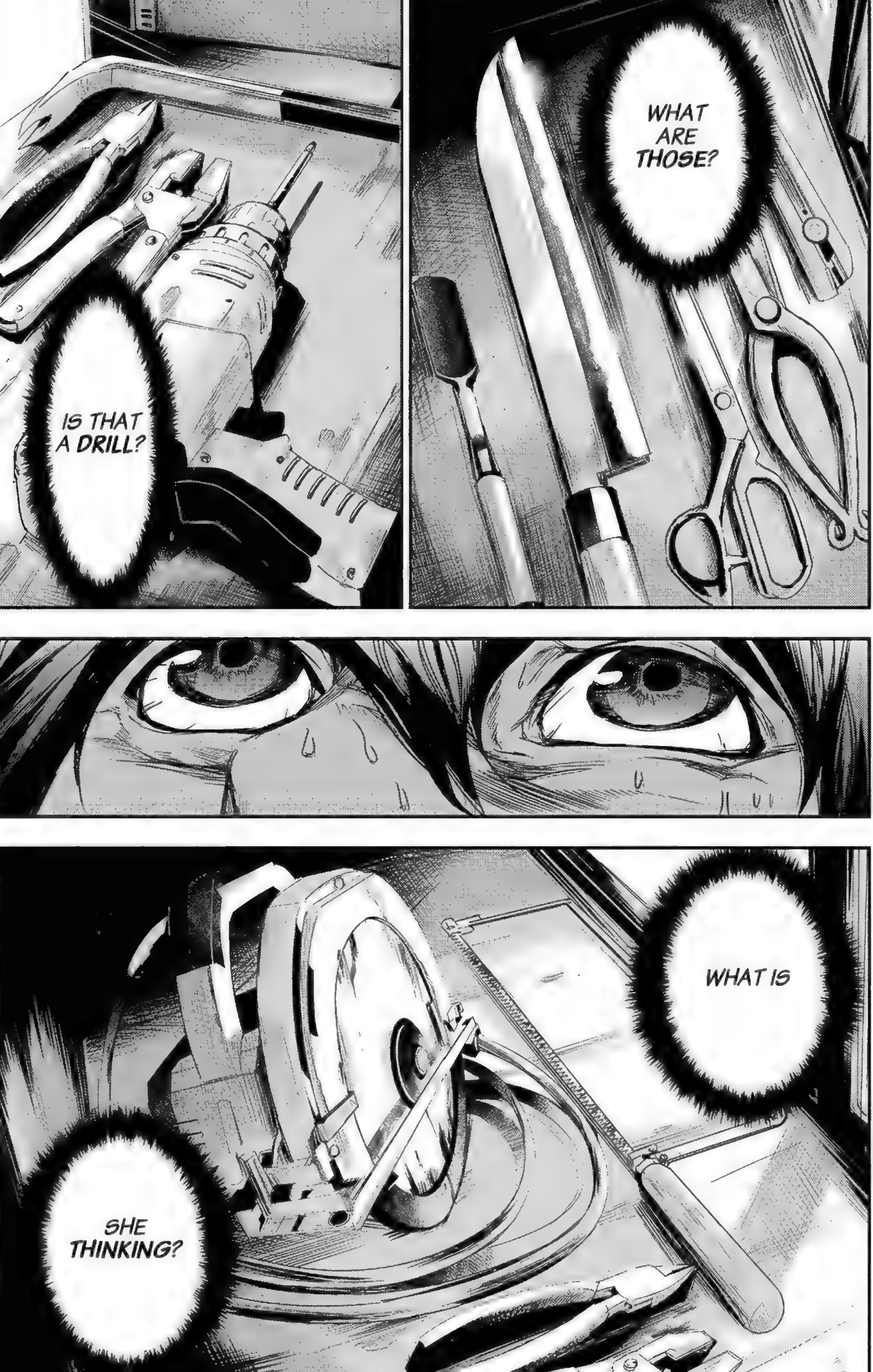


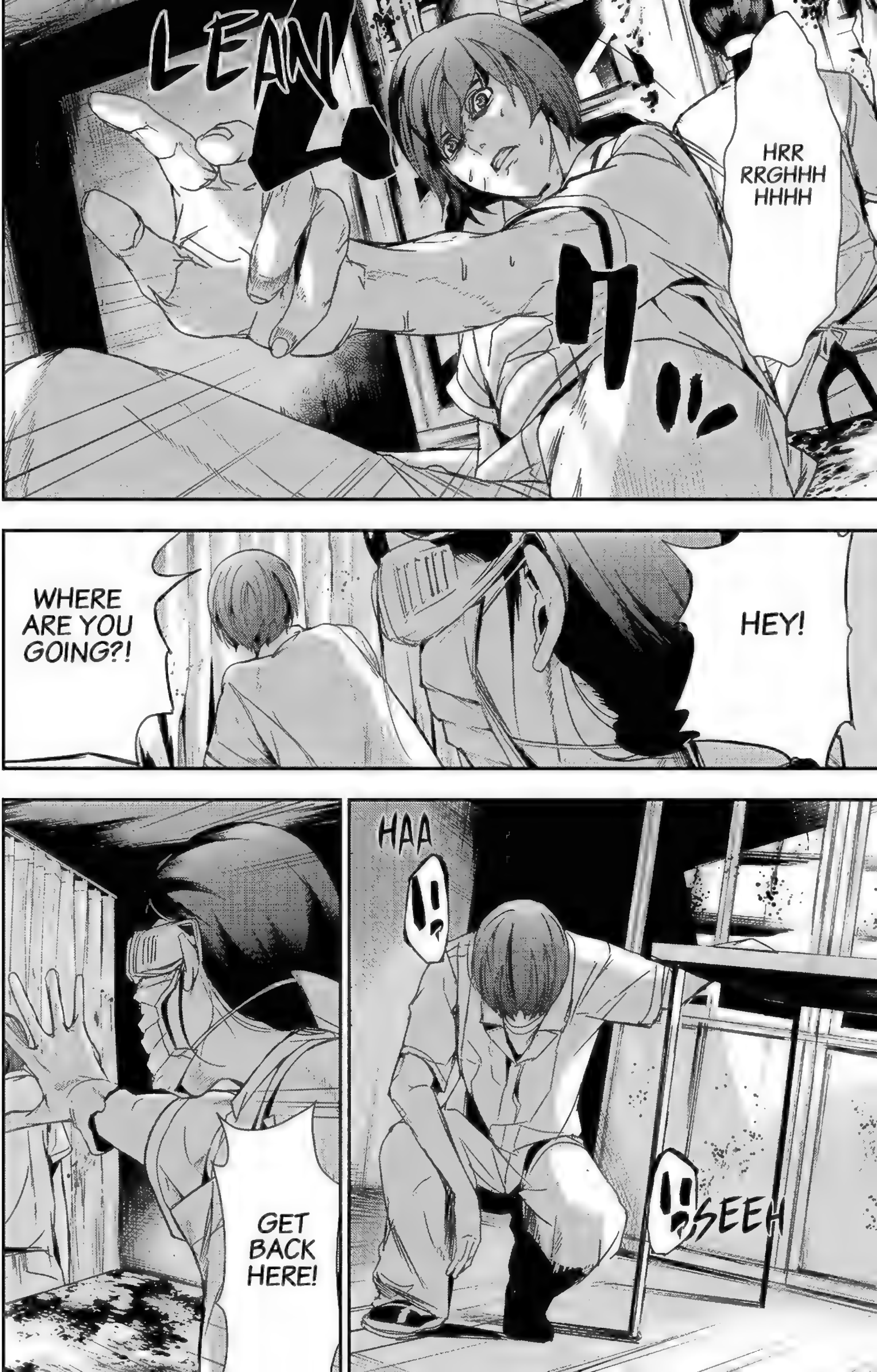

OKAY. NOW,
UP ON THE TABLE.
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED ON THERE?
ブル SHIVER
ブル SHIVER
ブル SHIVER
IT'S COATED
IN BLOOD

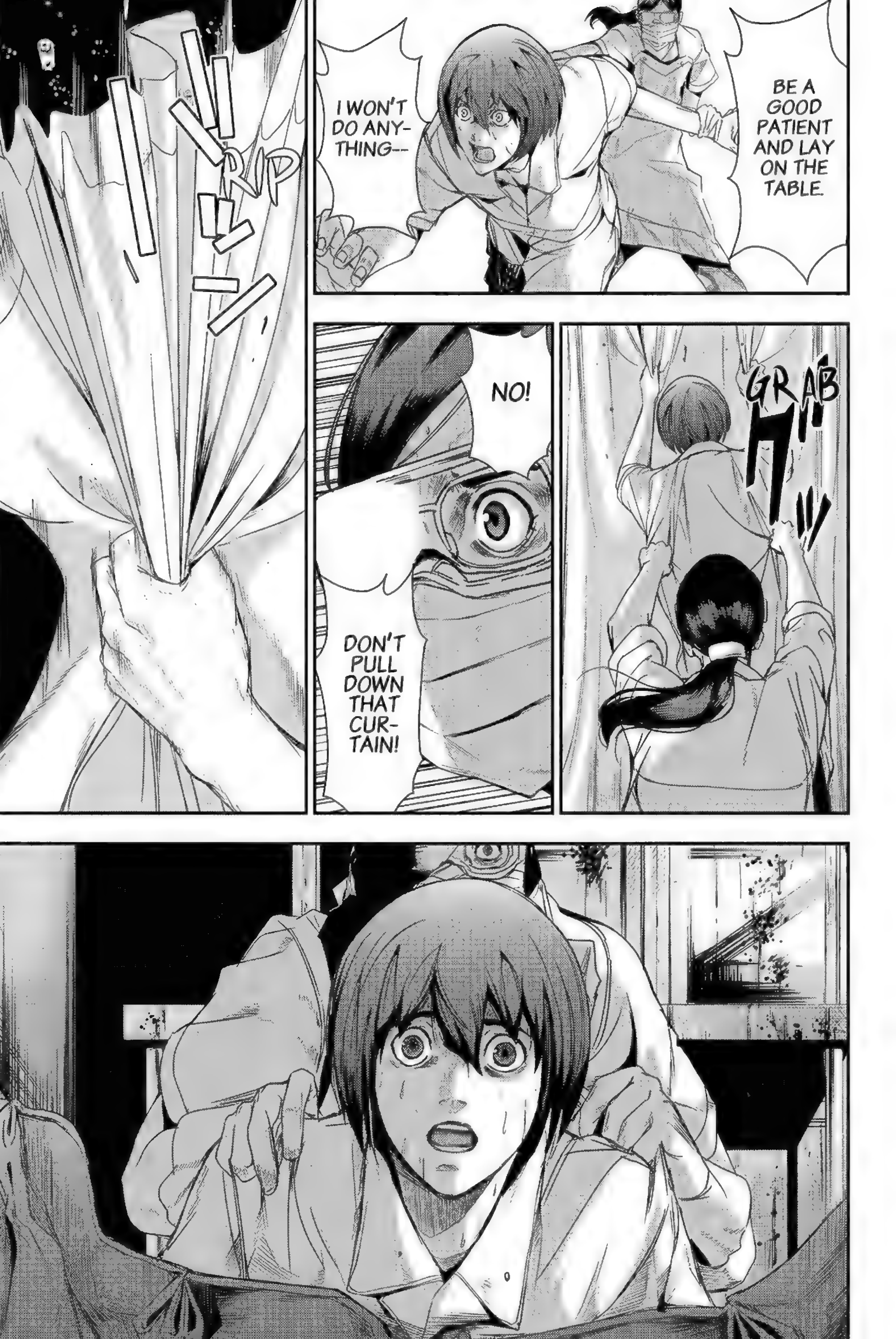

WHA...
WHAT?
WHAT'S SHE GONNA DO TO ME?
ハァ HAAH
ハァ HAAH
ハァ HAAH!
I'M GOING TO GET STARTED, OKAY?

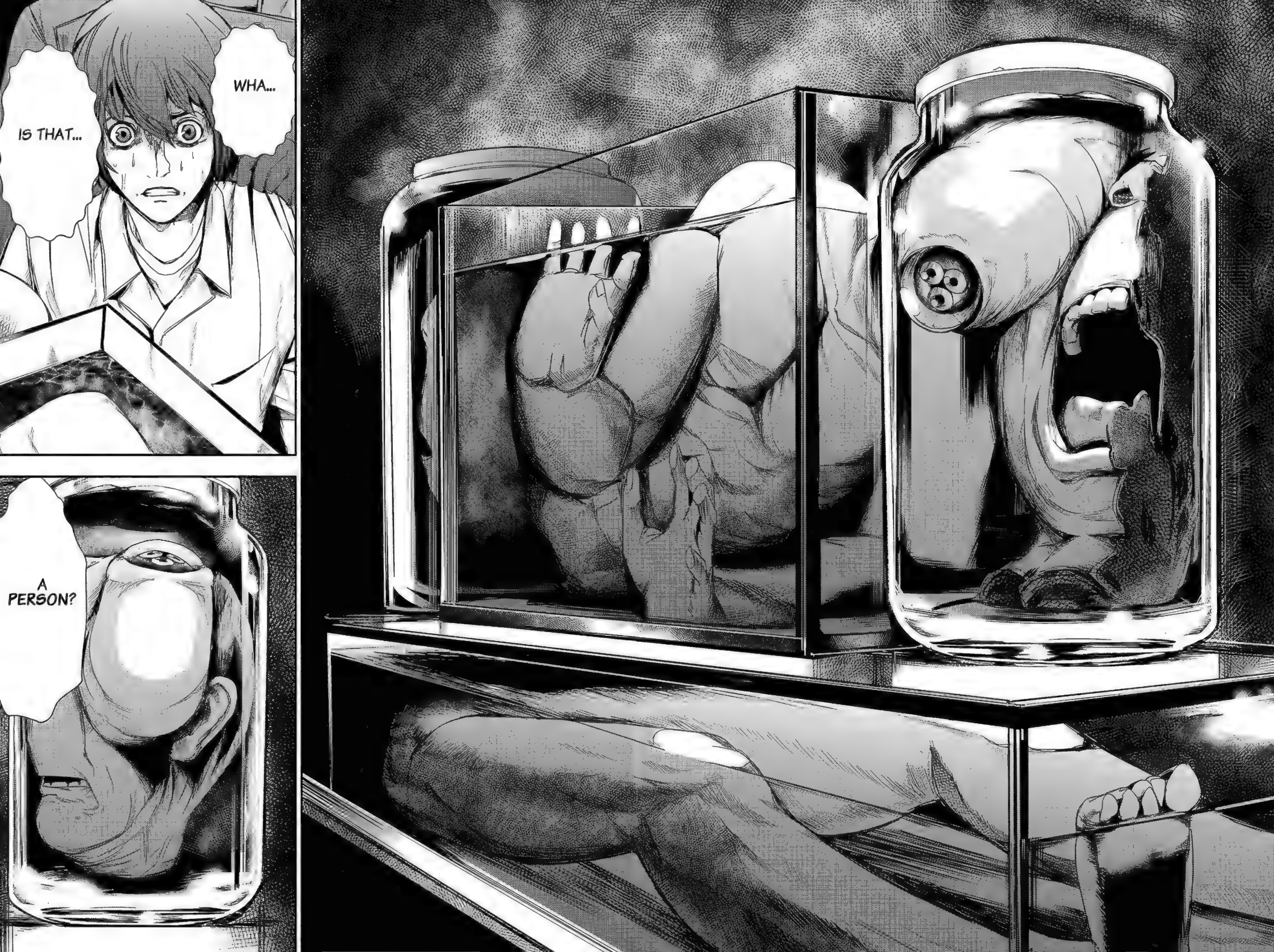

HAZMAT GEAR...
FORGIVE ME, MAEDA-KUN.
I'LL MAKE IT AS PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE.
BUT THIS ISN'T A HOSPITAL. I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT INSTRUMENTS FOR PERFORMING SURGERY.

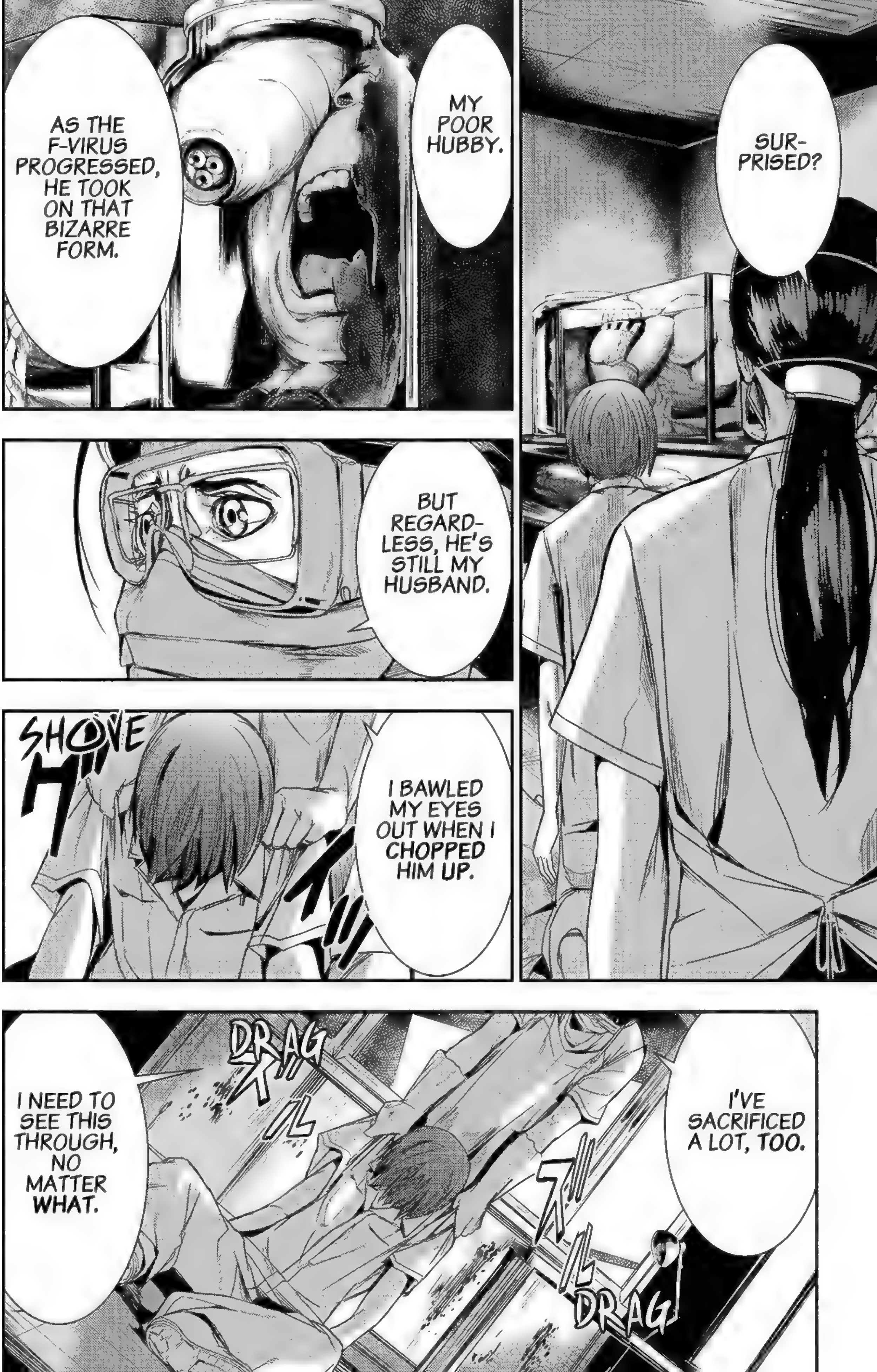

ALL I'VE GOT ON HAND ARE THESE TOOLS.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
HOLY
SHIT!
I SWEAR I'LL MAKE IT AS PAINLESS AS I CAN.

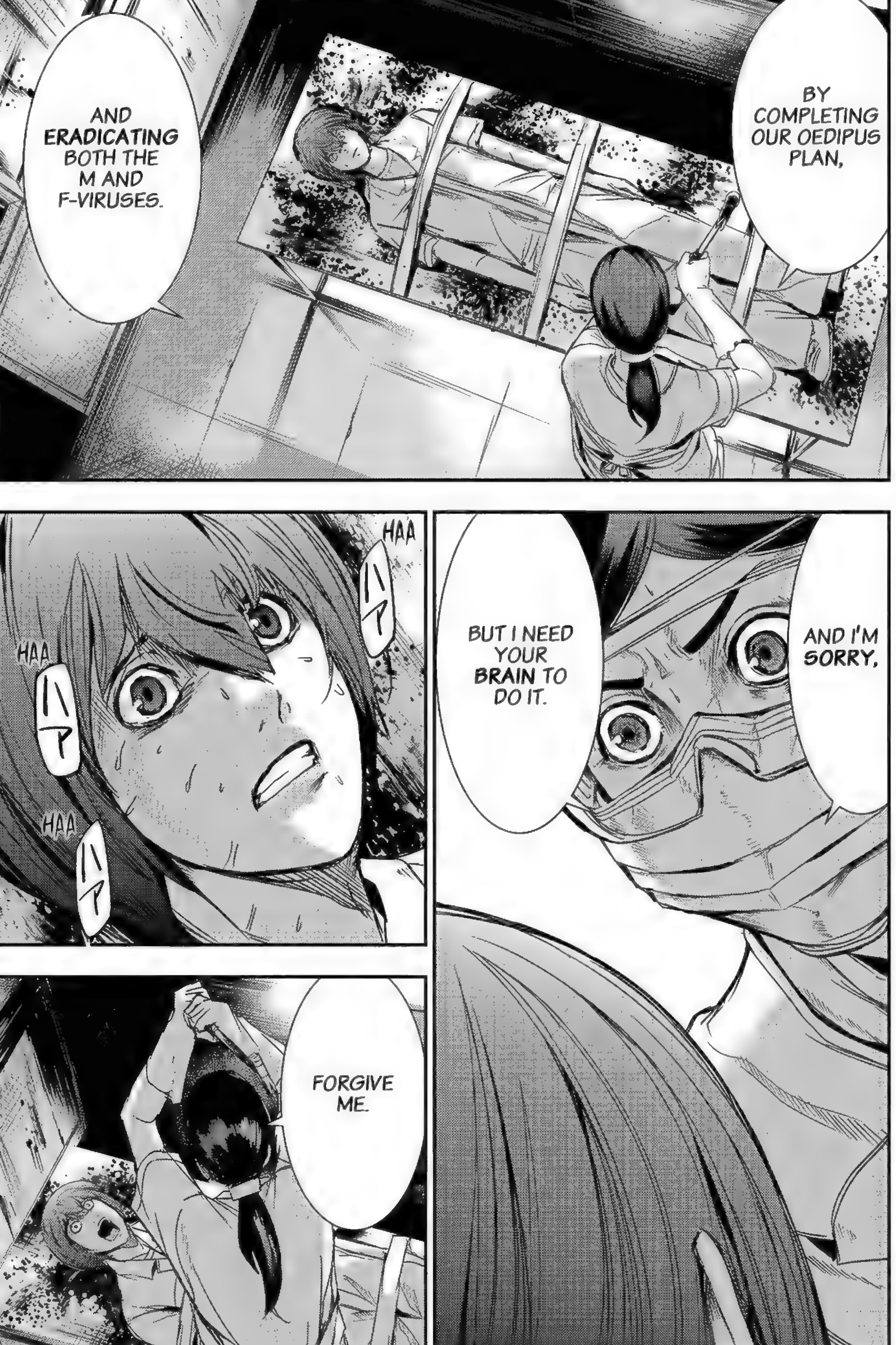

WHAT ARE THOSE?
IS THAT A DRILL?
WHAT IS
SHE THINKING?

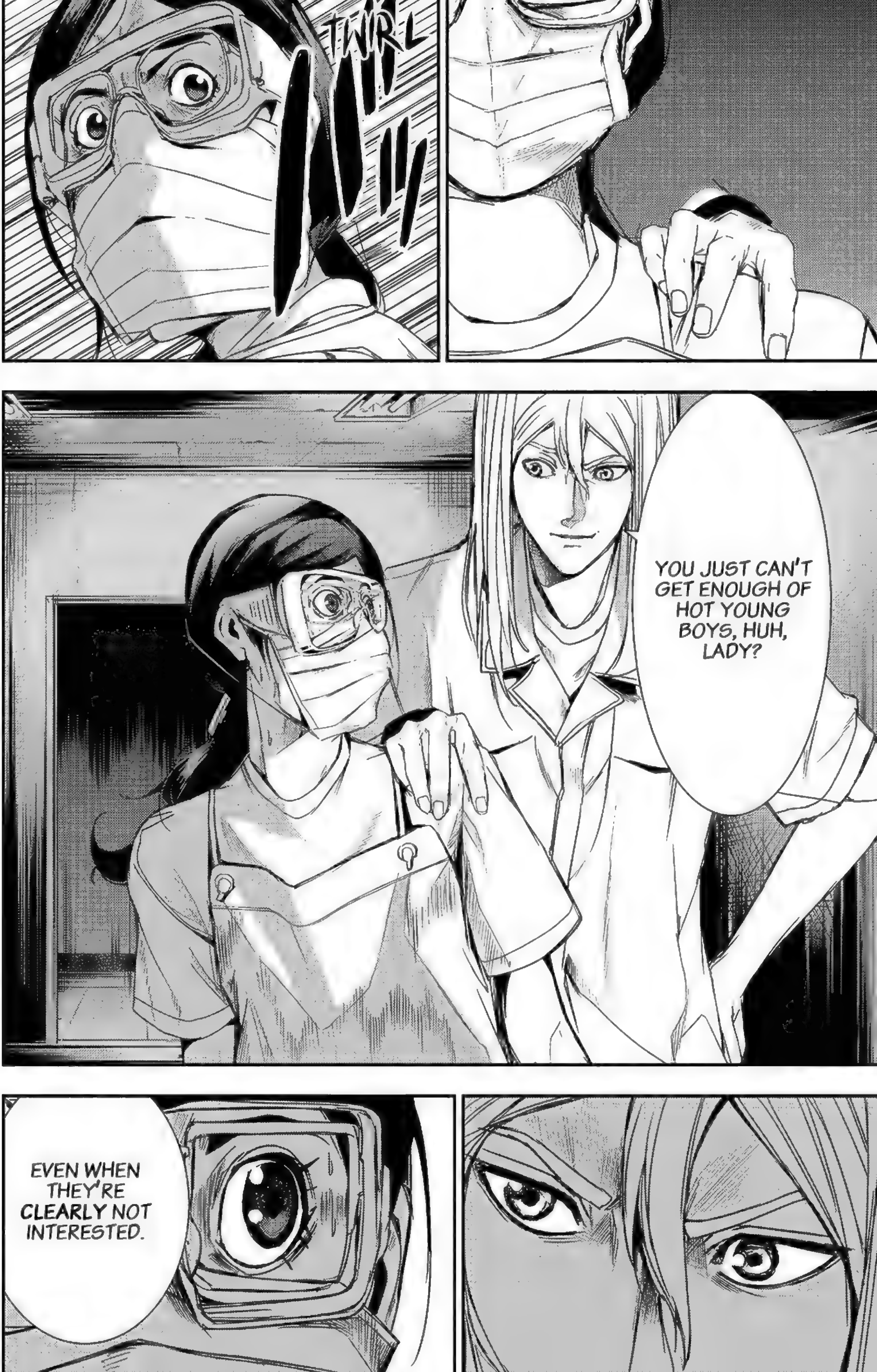

HRR RRGHHH HHHH
LEAN
HEY!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
HAA
SEEH
GET BACK HERE!

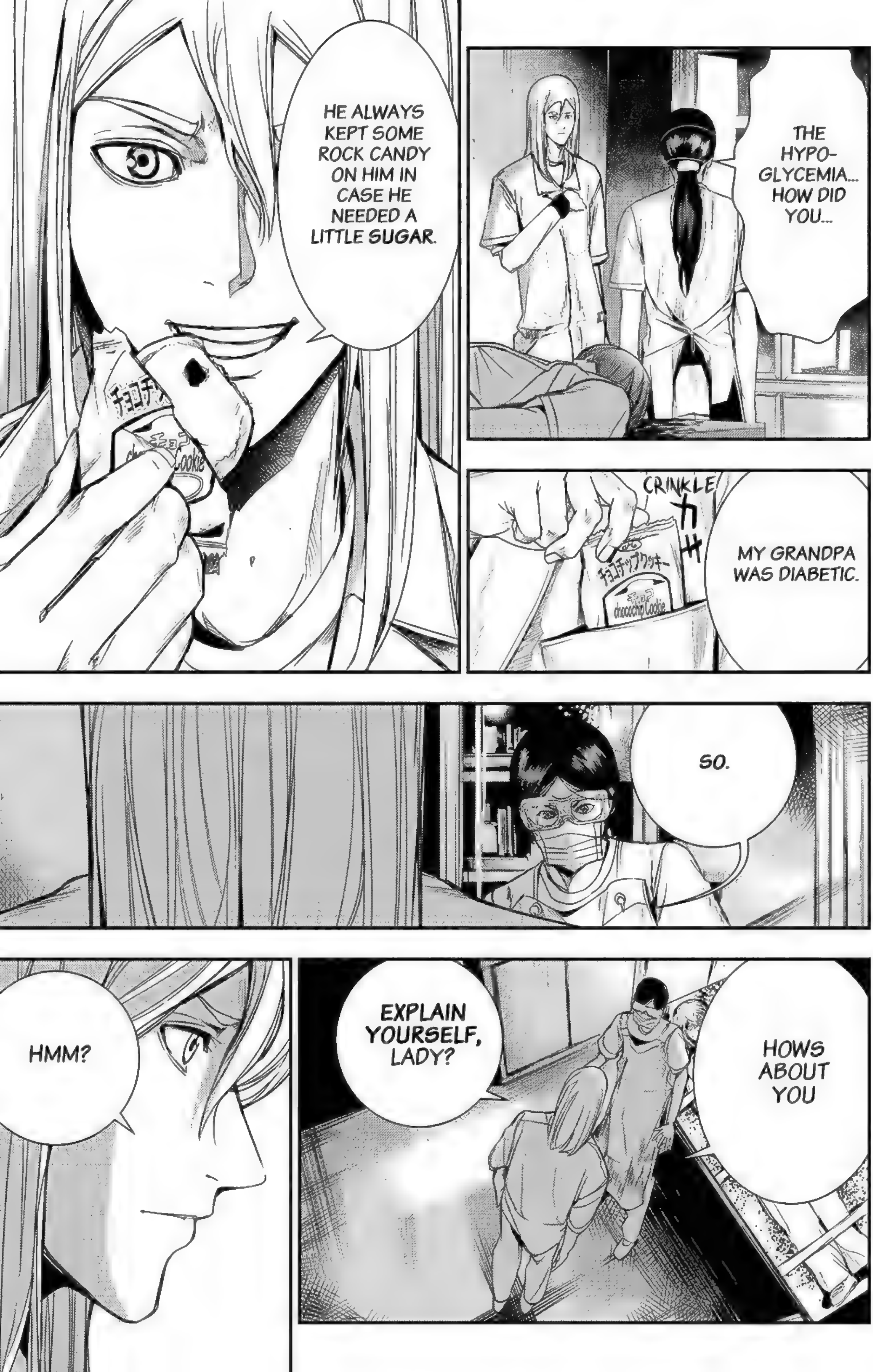

BE A GOOD PATIENT AND LAY ON THE TABLE.
I WON'T DO ANYTHING--
GRAB
NO!
DON'T PULL DOWN THAT CURTAIN!
RIP

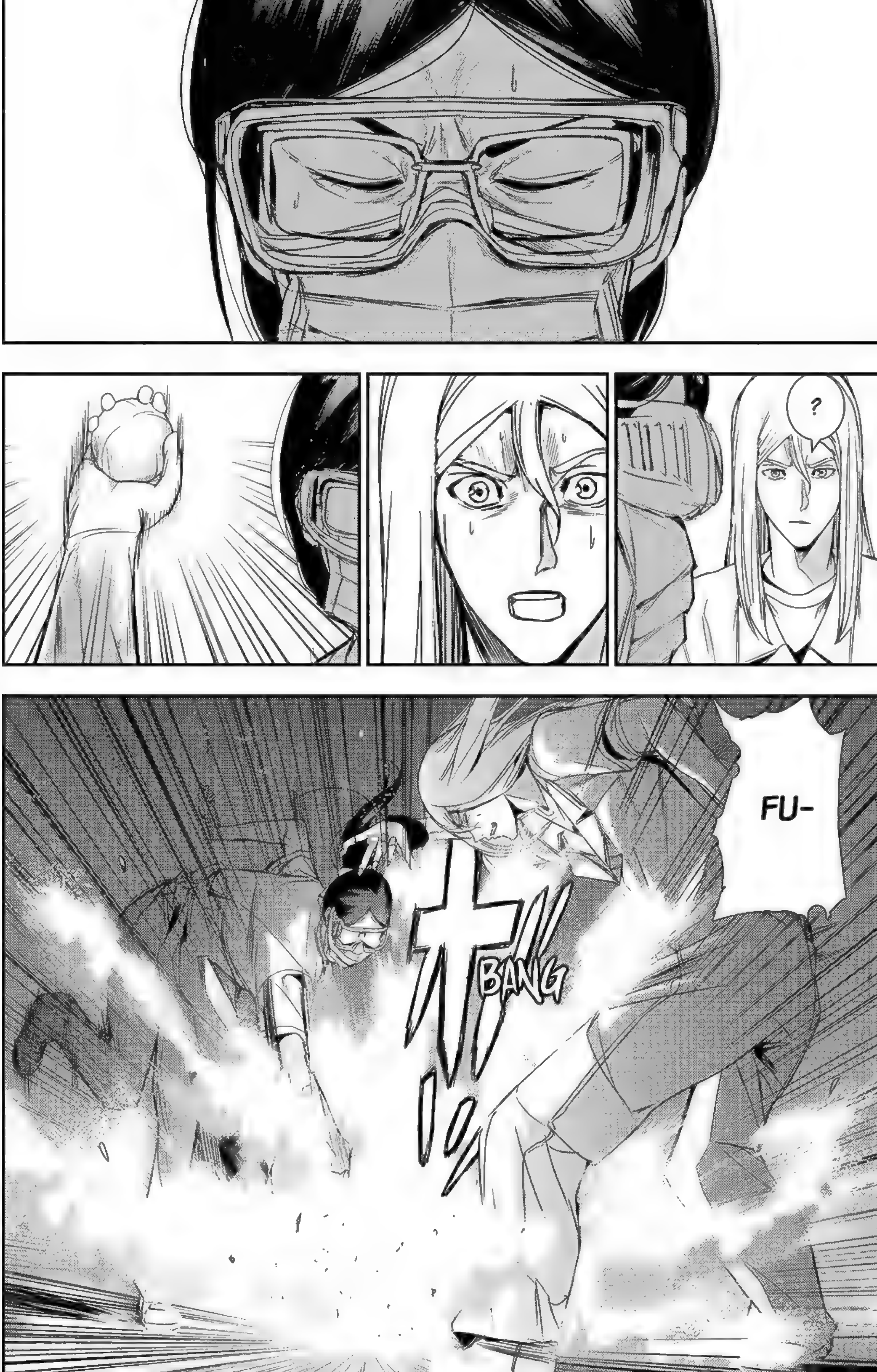

WHA...
IS THAT...
A PERSON?

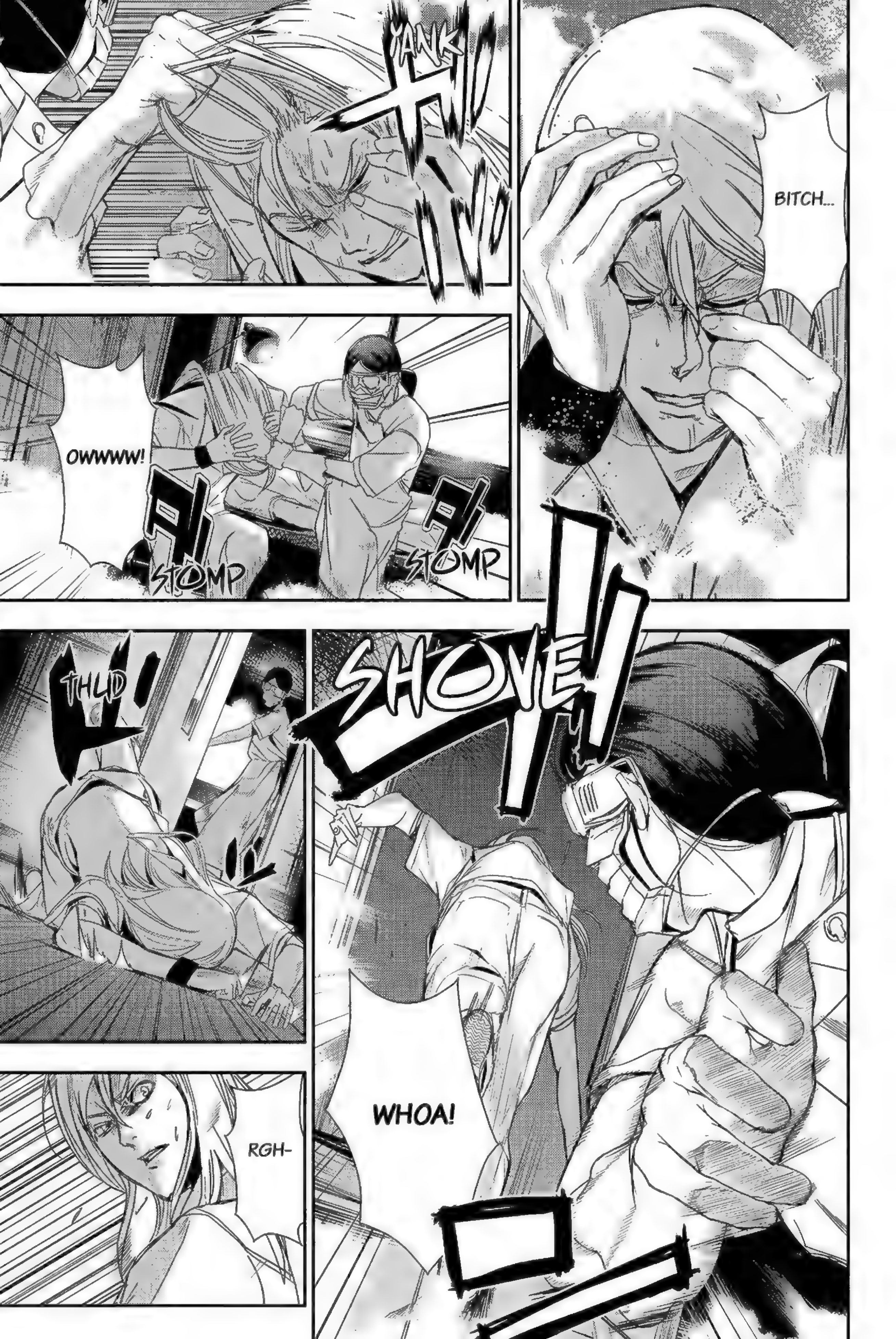

SUR-PRISED?
MY POOR HUBBY.
AS THE F-VIRUS PROGRESSED, HE TOOK ON THAT BIZARRE FORM.
BUT REGARD-LESS, HE'S STILL MY HUSBAND.
I BAWLED MY EYES OUT WHEN I CHOPPED HIM UP.
SHOVE
I'VE SACRIFICED A LOT, TOO.
I NEED TO SEE THIS THROUGH, NO MATTER WHAT.
DRAG
DRAG

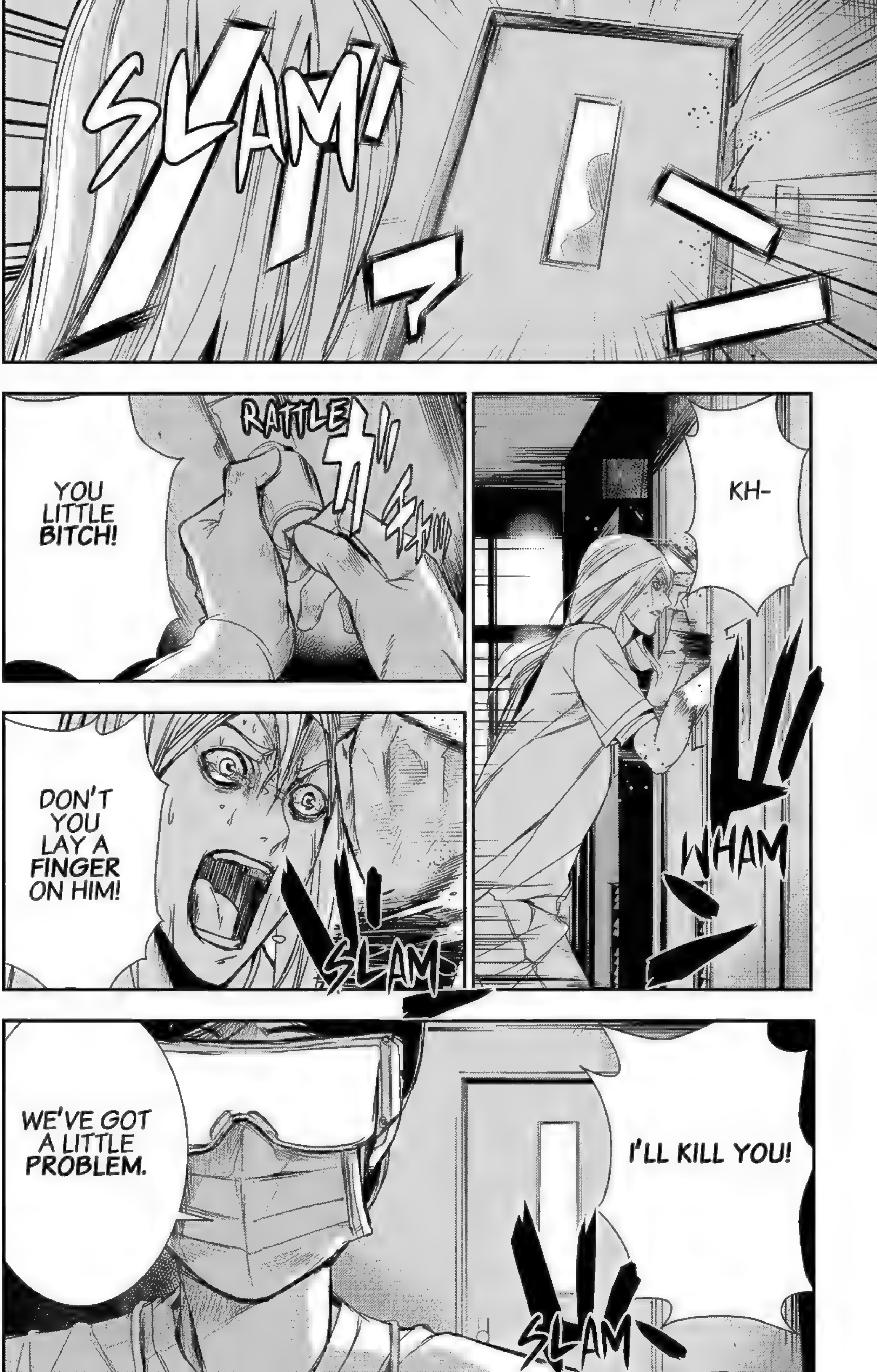

BY COMPLETING OUR OEDIPUS PLAN,
AND **ERADICATING** BOTH THE M AND F-VIRUSES.
AND I'M **SORRY,**
BUT I NEED YOUR **BRAIN** TO DO IT.
HAA
ハァ
HAA
ハァ
HAA
ハァ
FORGIVE ME.

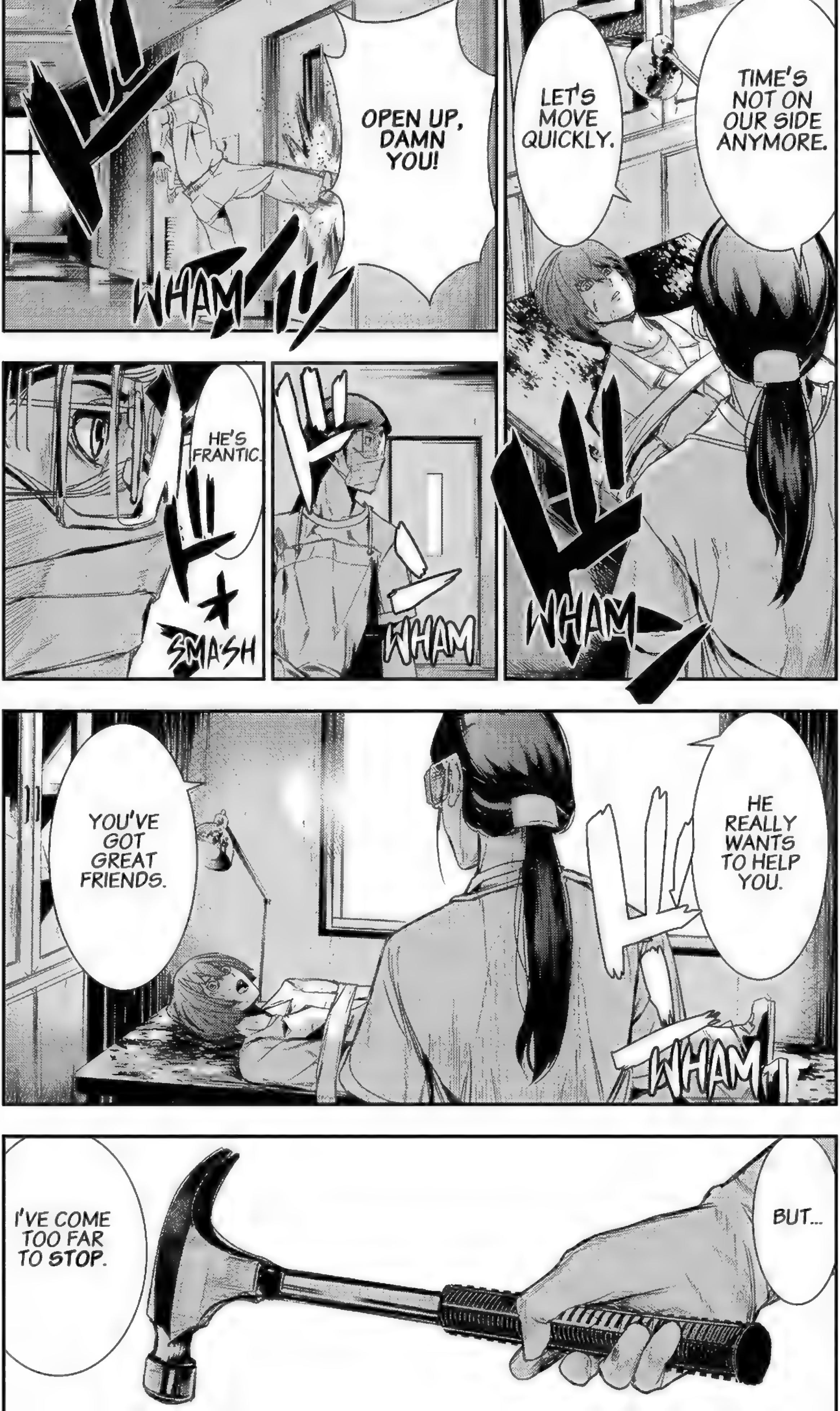

TWIRL
YOU JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF HOT YOUNG BOYS, HUH, LADY?
EVEN WHEN THEY'RE **CLEARLY** NOT INTERESTED.

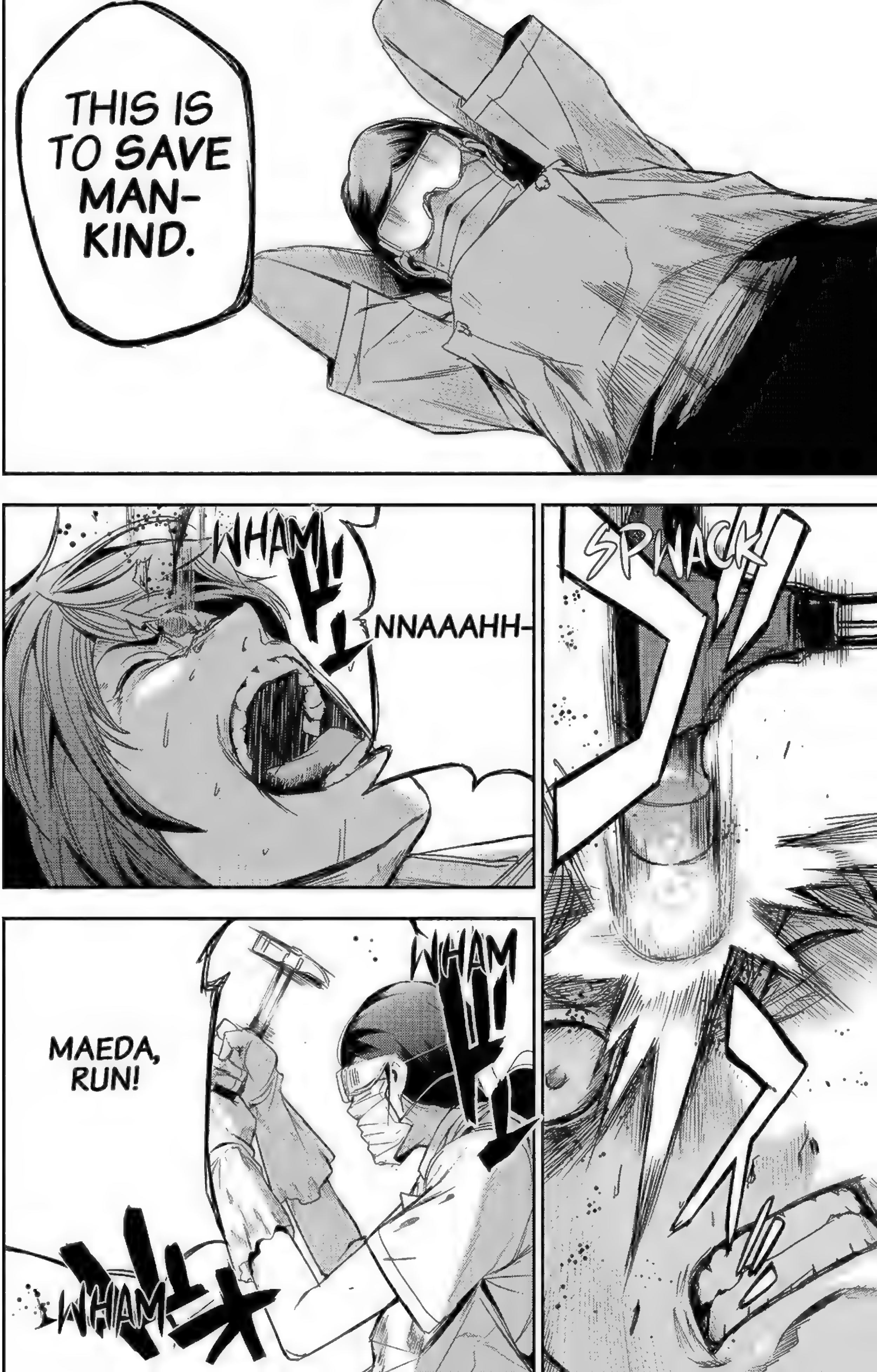

THE HYPO-GLYCEMIA... HOW DID YOU...
CRINKLE
カサ
チョコチップクッキー
chocochip Cookie
MY GRANDPA WAS DIABETIC.
HE ALWAYS KEPT SOME ROCK CANDY ON HIM IN CASE HE NEEDED A LITTLE SUGAR.
SO.
HOWS ABOUT YOU
EXPLAIN YOURSELF, LADY?
HMM?

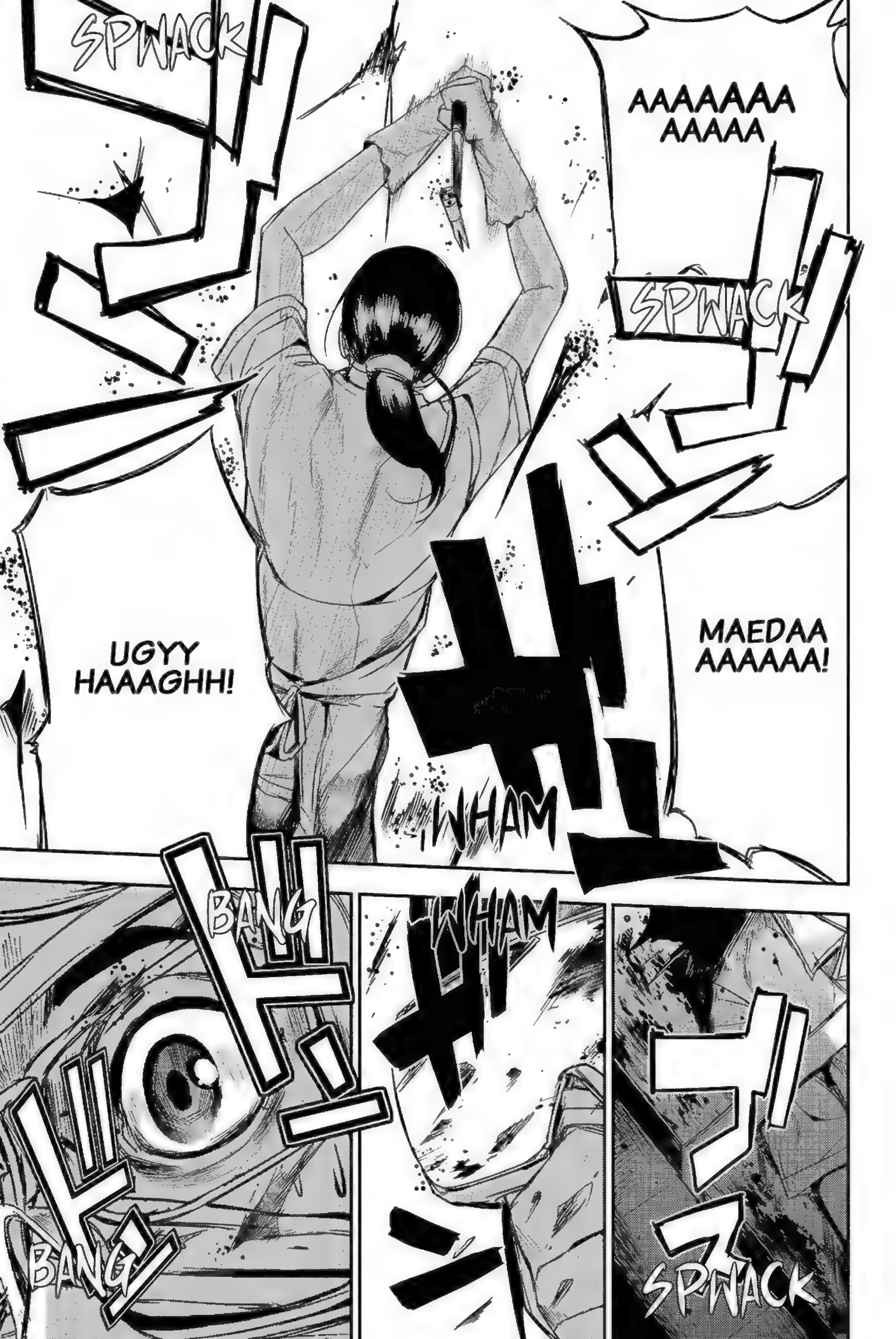

?
FU-
BANG

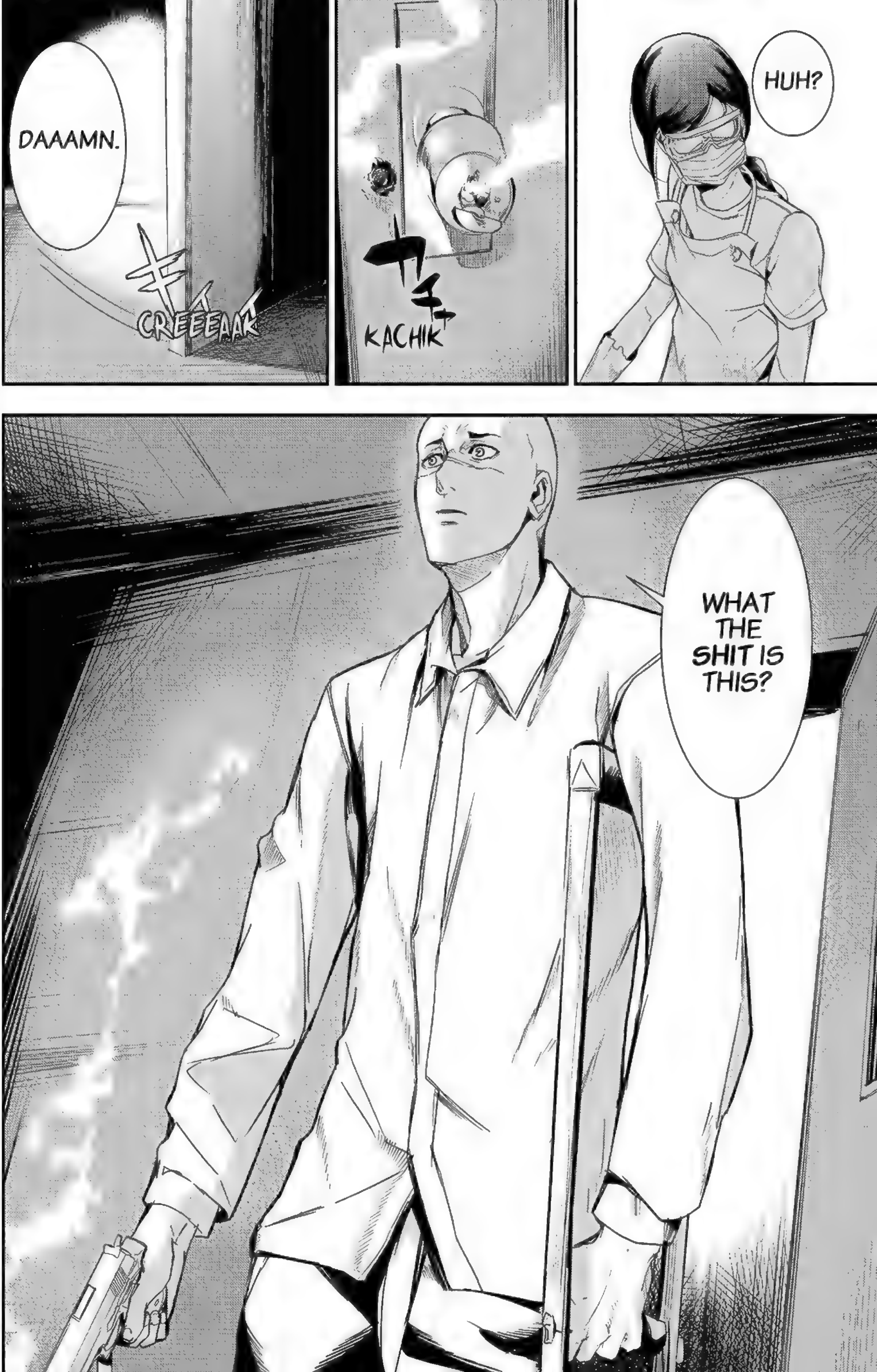

YANK
BITCH...
OWWWW!
STOMP
STOMP
SHOVE
THUD
WHOA!
RGH-

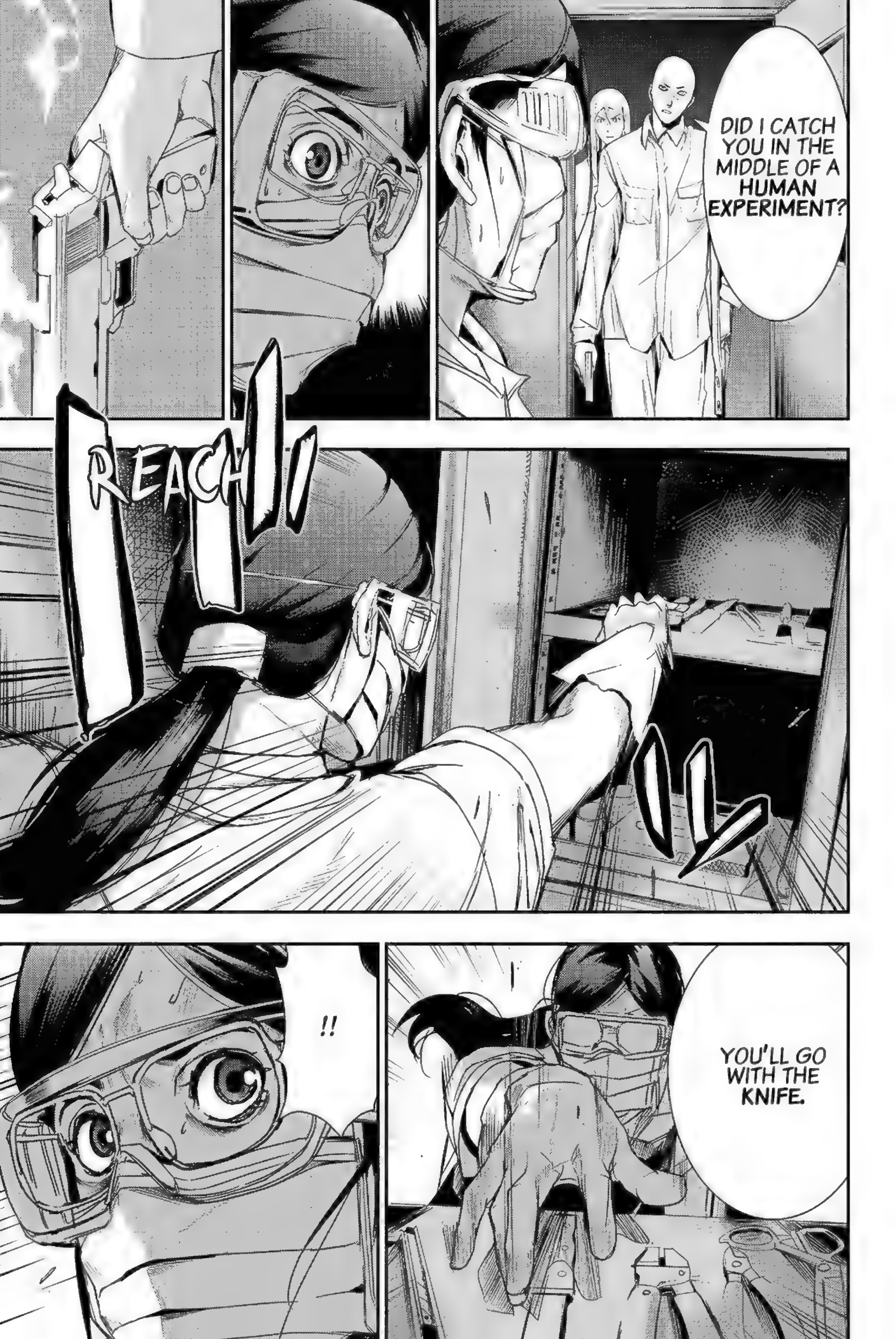

SLAM!
KH-
WHAM
RATTLE
YOU LITTLE BITCH!
DON'T YOU LAY A FINGER ON HIM!
SLAM
I'LL KILL YOU!
SLAM
WE'VE GOT A LITTLE PROBLEM.

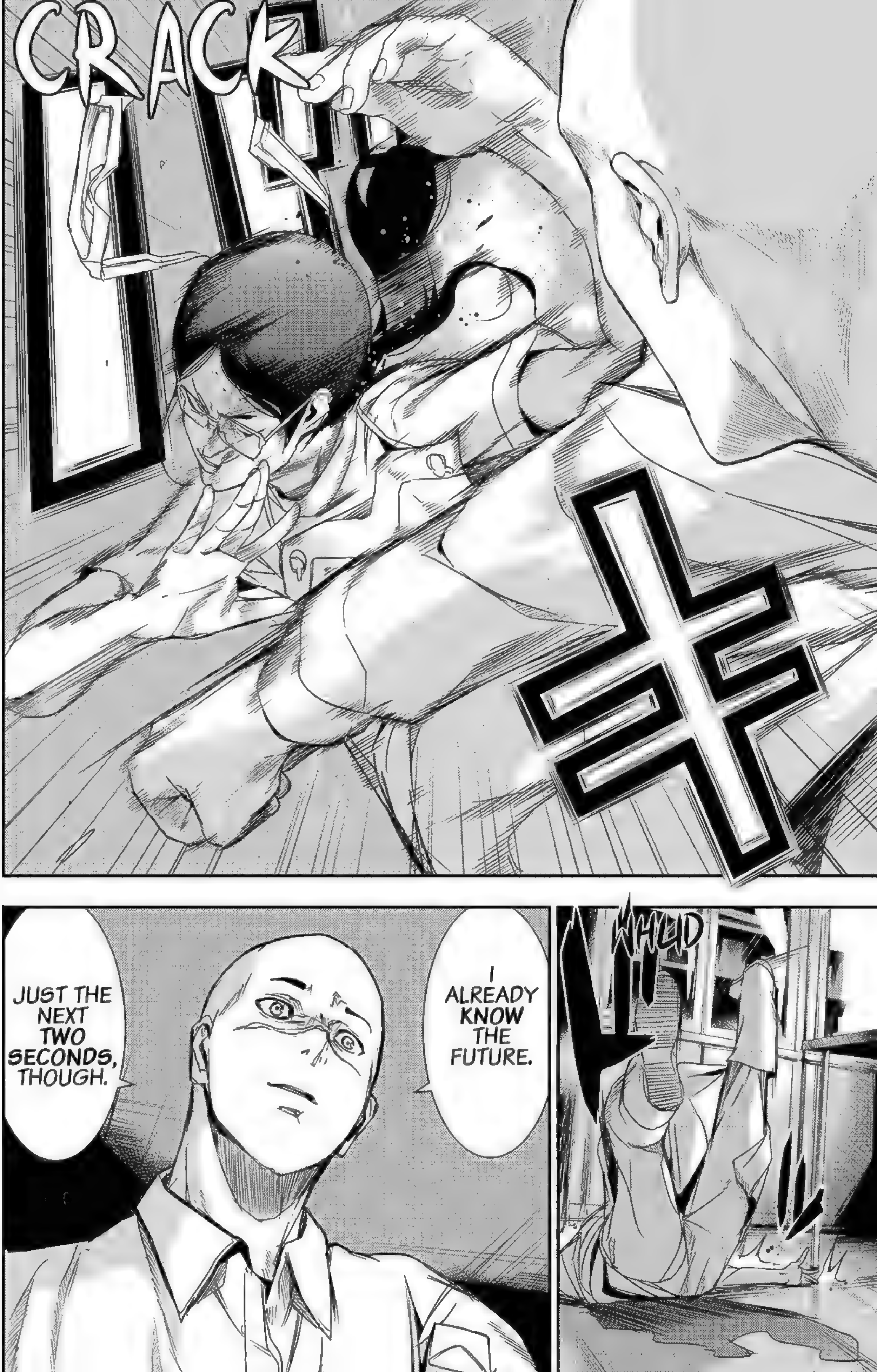

TIME'S NOT ON OUR SIDE ANYMORE.
LET'S MOVE QUICKLY.
WHAM
OPEN UP, DAMN YOU!
WHAM
WHAM
HE'S FRANTIC.
SMASH
HE REALLY WANTS TO HELP YOU.
YOU'VE GOT GREAT FRIENDS.
WHAM
BUT...
I'VE COME TOO FAR TO STOP.

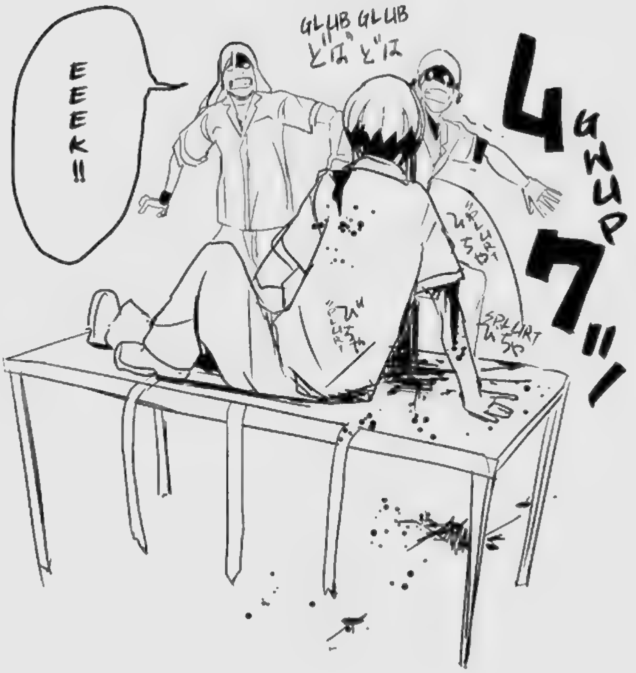

THIS IS TO SAVE MANKIND.
SPWACK
WHAM
NNAAAHH-
WHAM
MAEDA, RUN!
WHAM


AAAAAAA AAAAA
SPWACK
MAEDAA AAAAAA!
SPWACK
UGYY HAAAGHH!
WHAM
SPWACK
WHAM
BANG
BANG


HUH?
KACHIK
DAAAMN.
CREEEAAK
WHAT THE SHIT IS THIS?


DID I CATCH YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF A HUMAN EXPERIMENT?
REACH
!!
YOU'LL GO WITH THE KNIFE.


CRACK
WHUD
I ALREADY KNOW THE FUTURE.
JUST THE NEXT TWO SECONDS, THOUGH.

ムグッ
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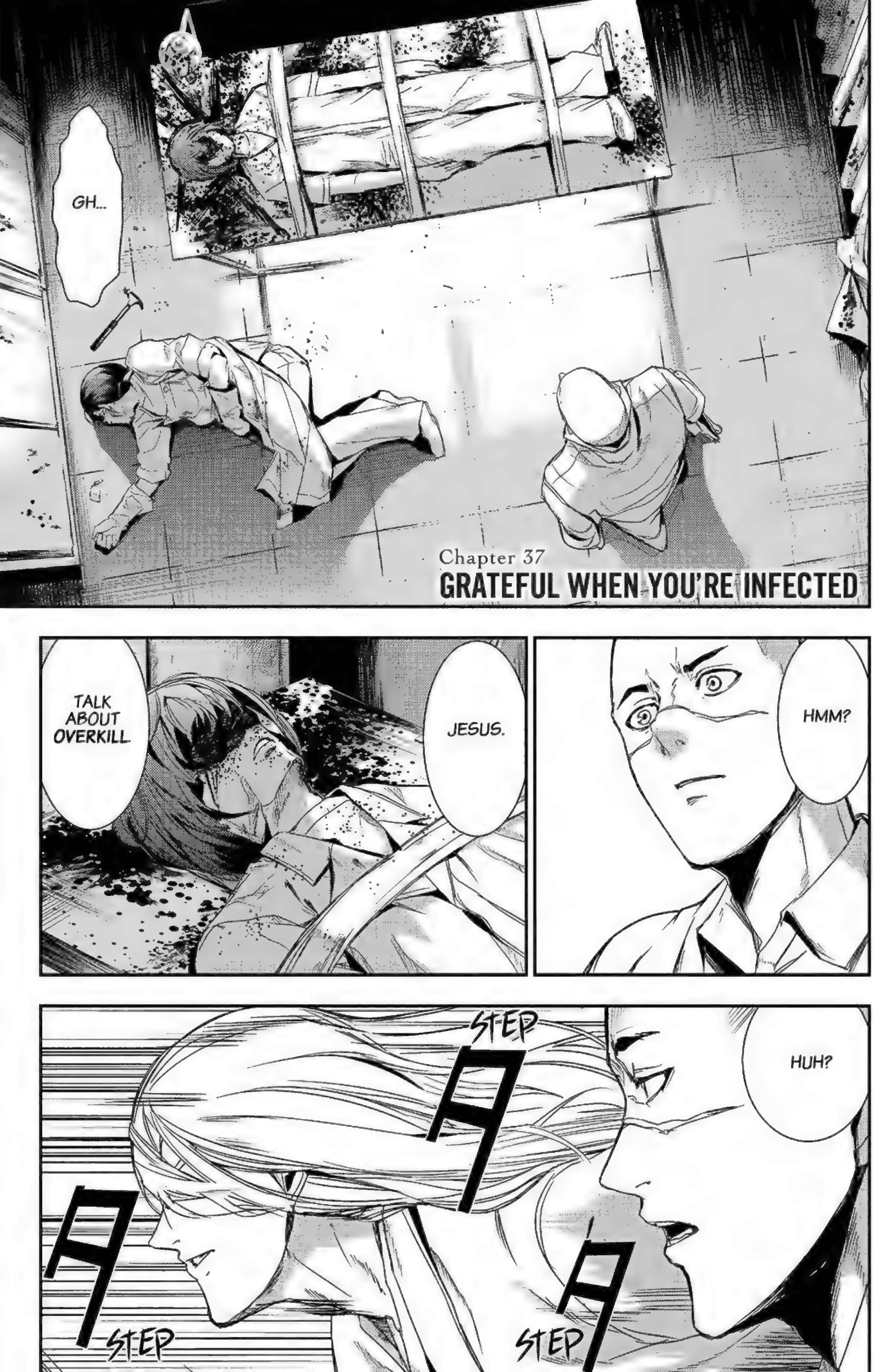
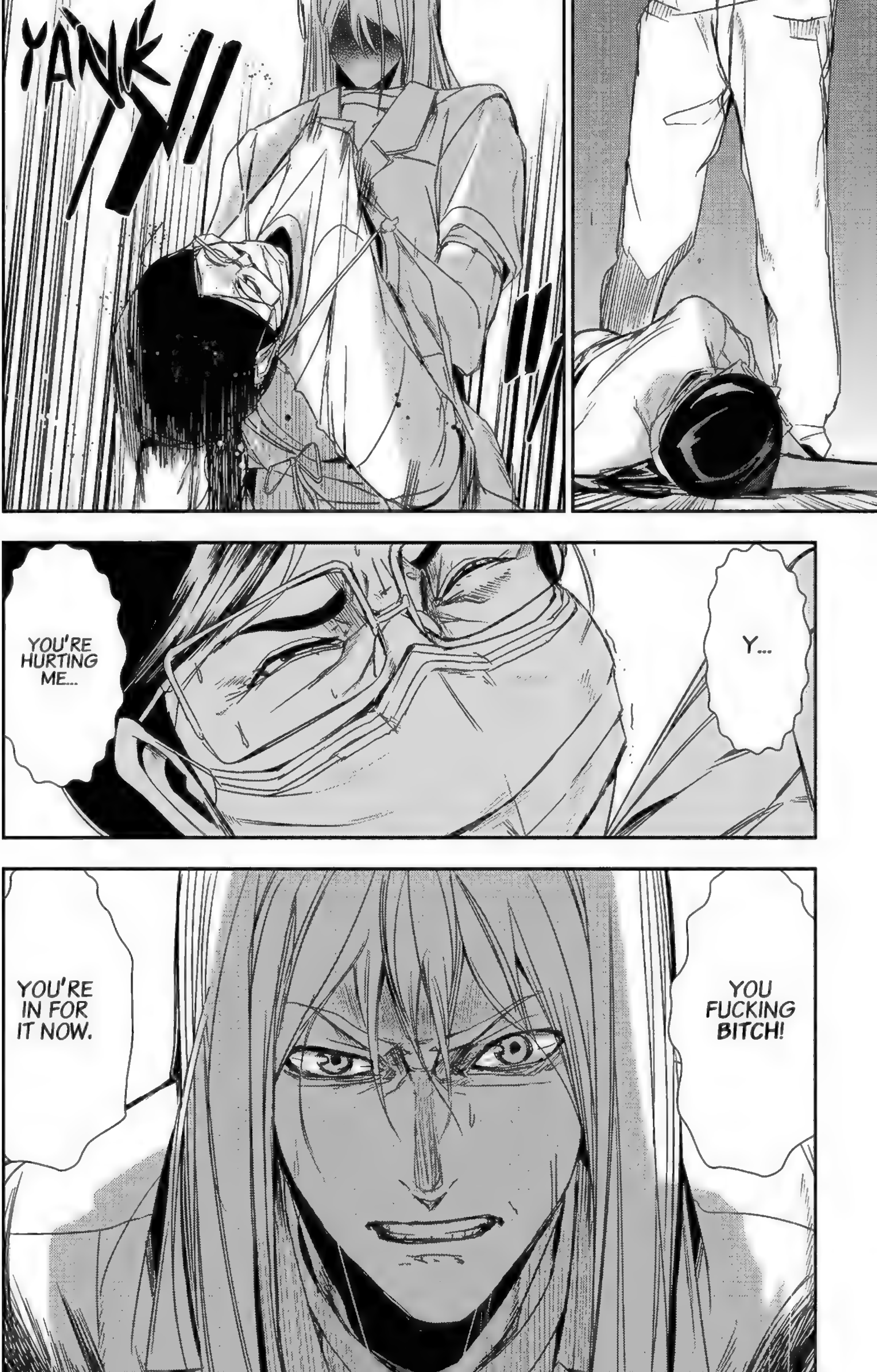
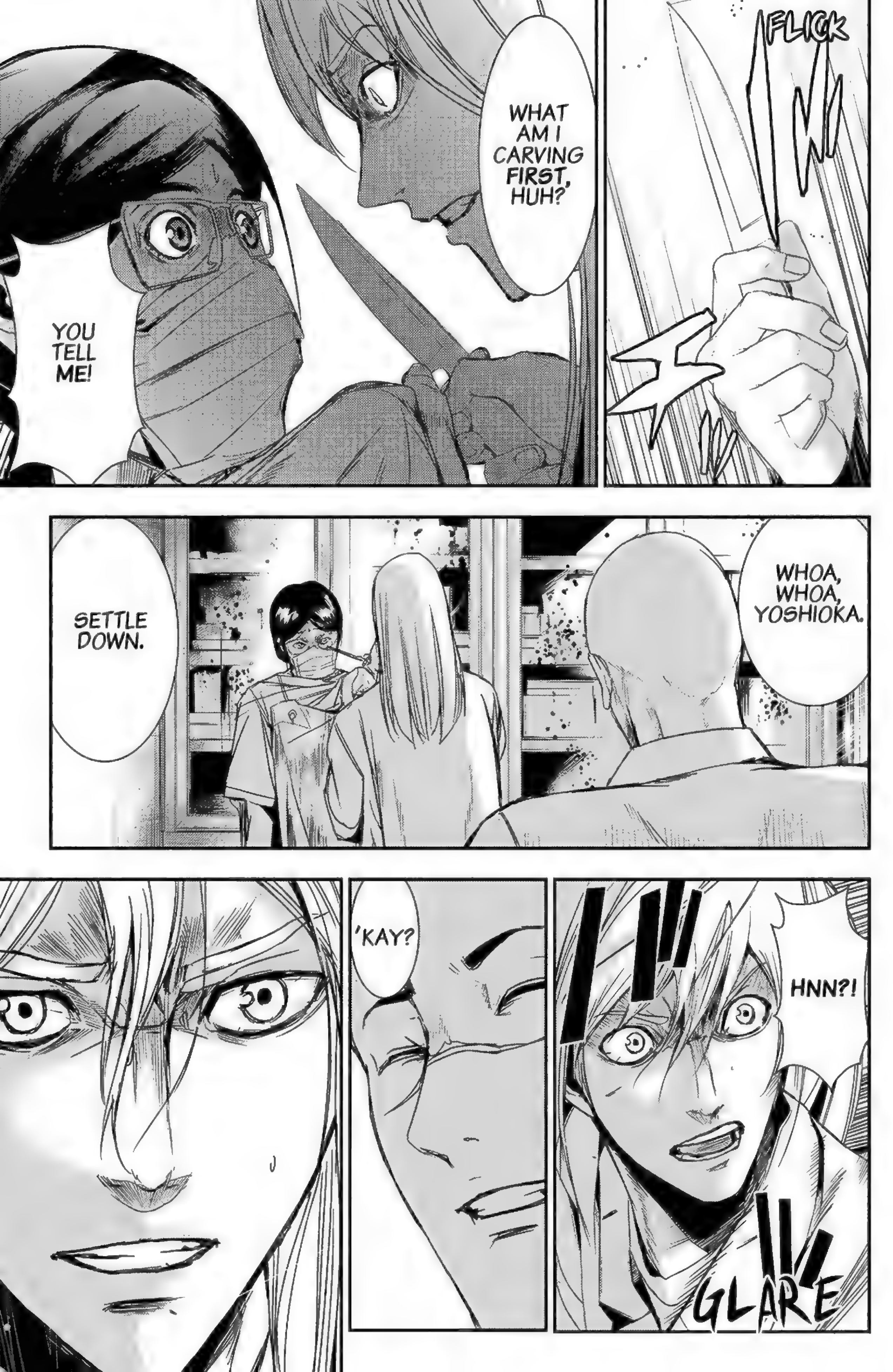
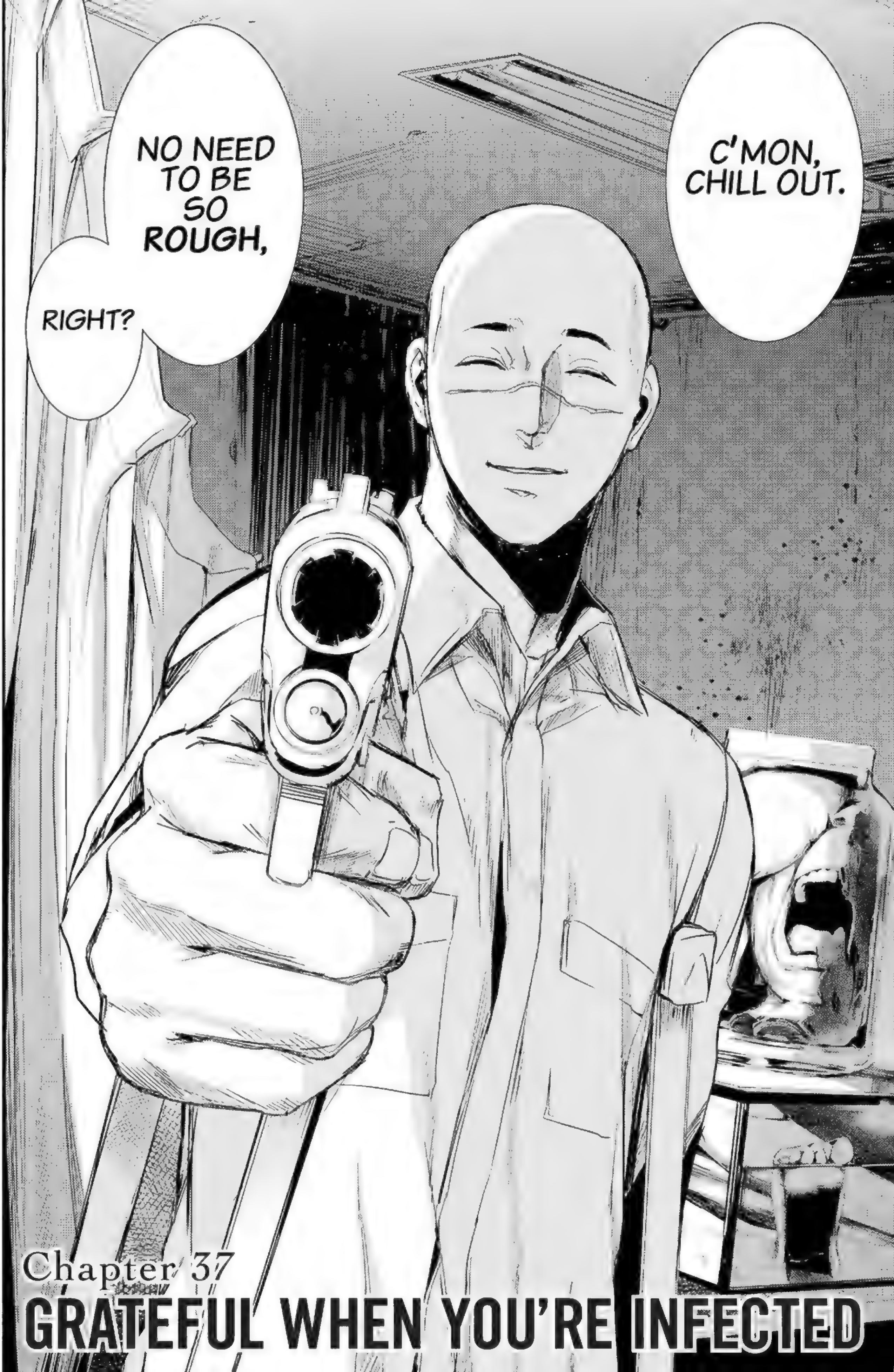

GH...
HMM?
JESUS.
TALK ABOUT OVERKILL.
HUH?
タ STEP
タ STEP
タ STEP


YANK
Y...
YOU'RE HURTING ME...
YOU FUCKING BITCH!
YOU'RE IN FOR IT NOW.


FLICK
WHAT AM I CARVING FIRST, HUH?
YOU TELL ME!
WHOA, WHOA, YOSHIOKA.
SETTLE DOWN.
HNN?!
GLARE
'KAY?


C'MON, CHILL OUT.
NO NEED TO BE SO ROUGH,
RIGHT?

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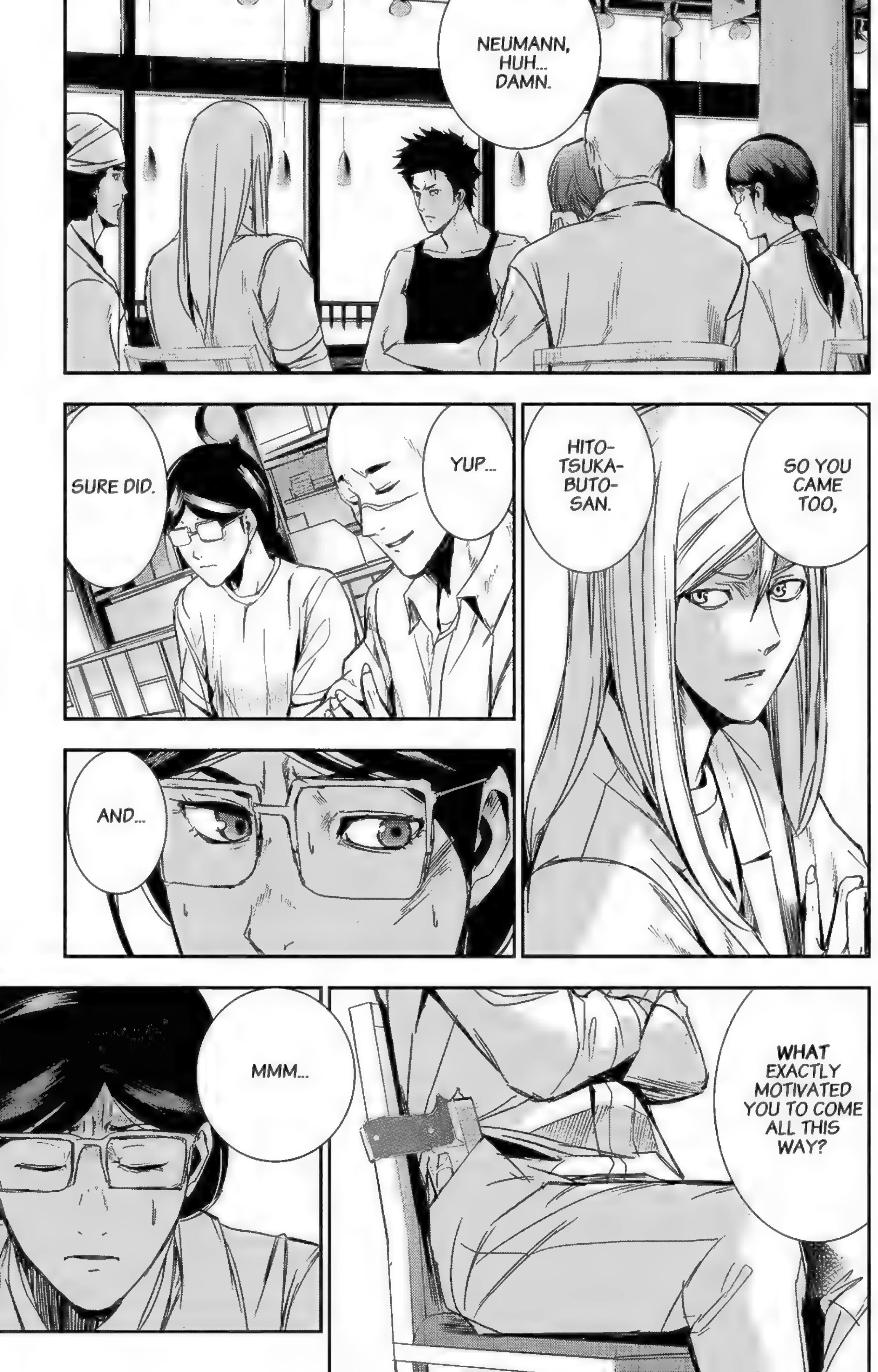
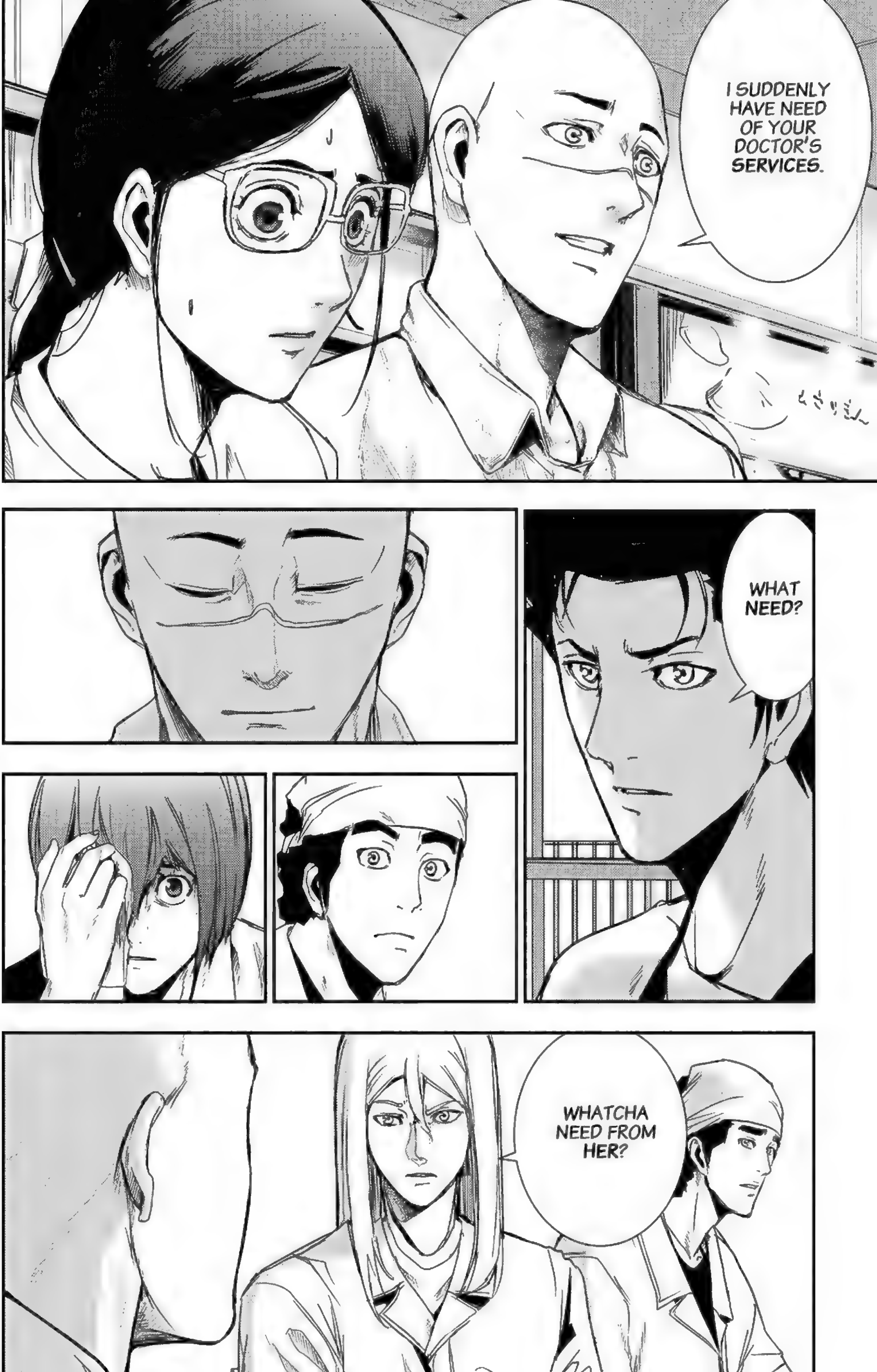
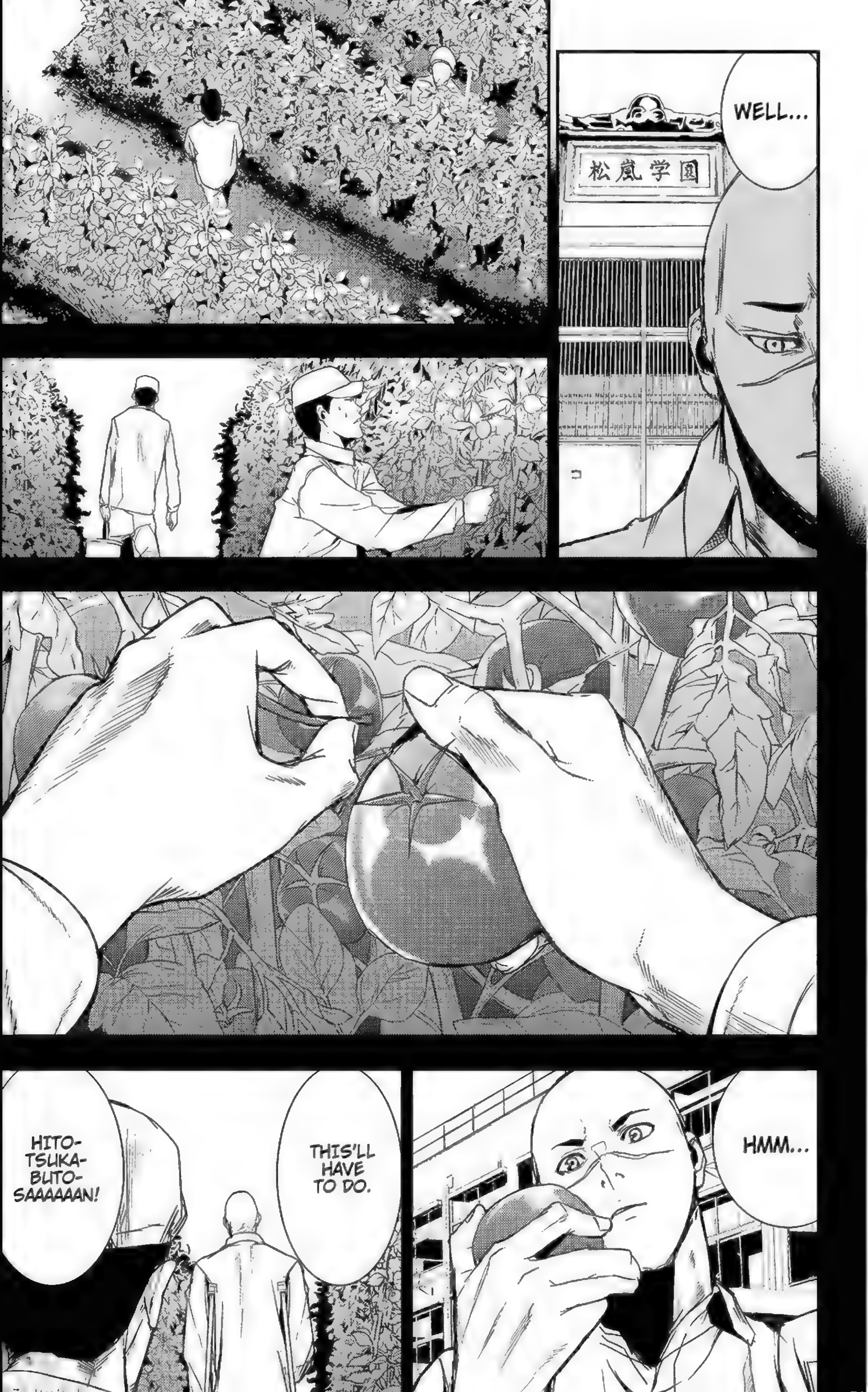
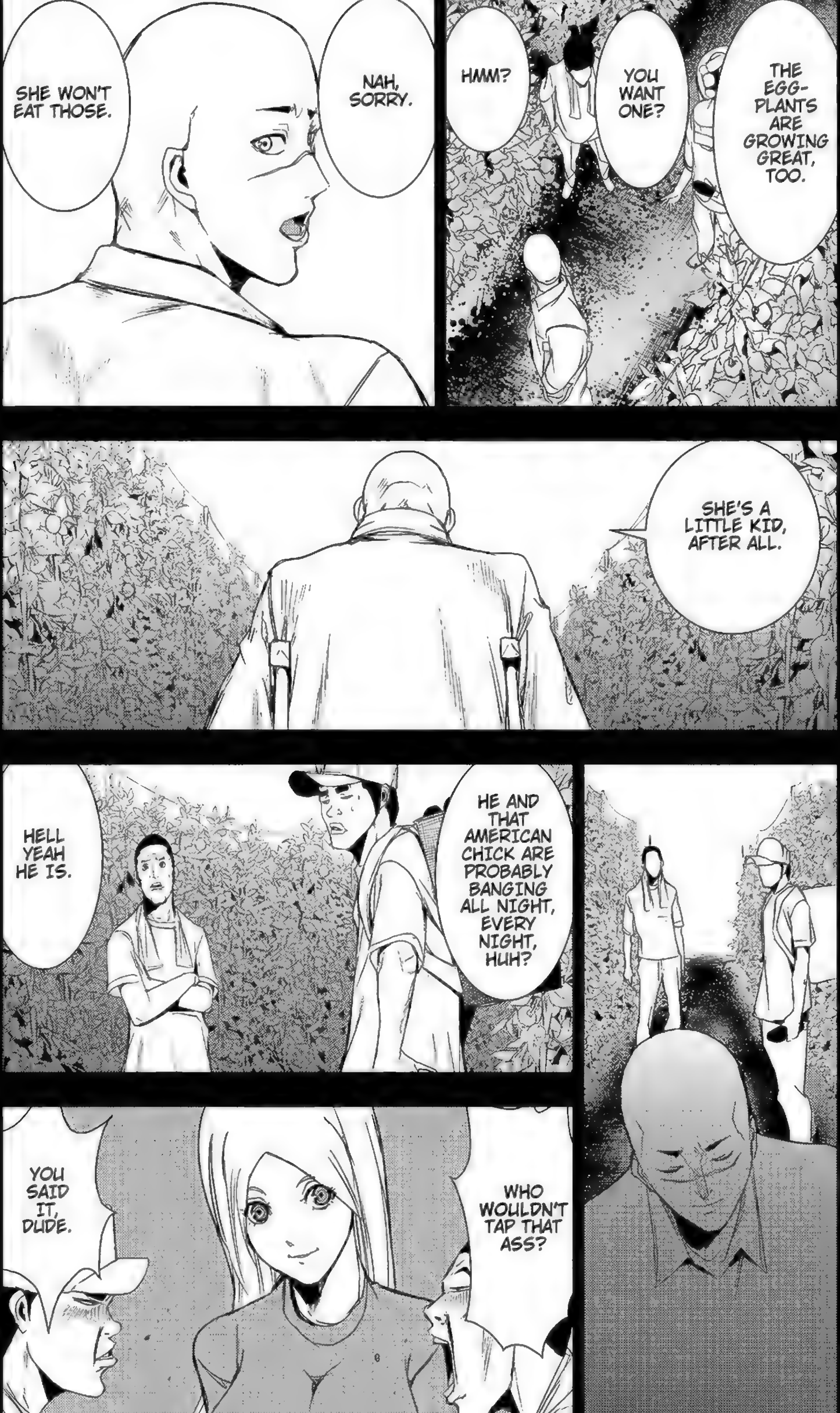
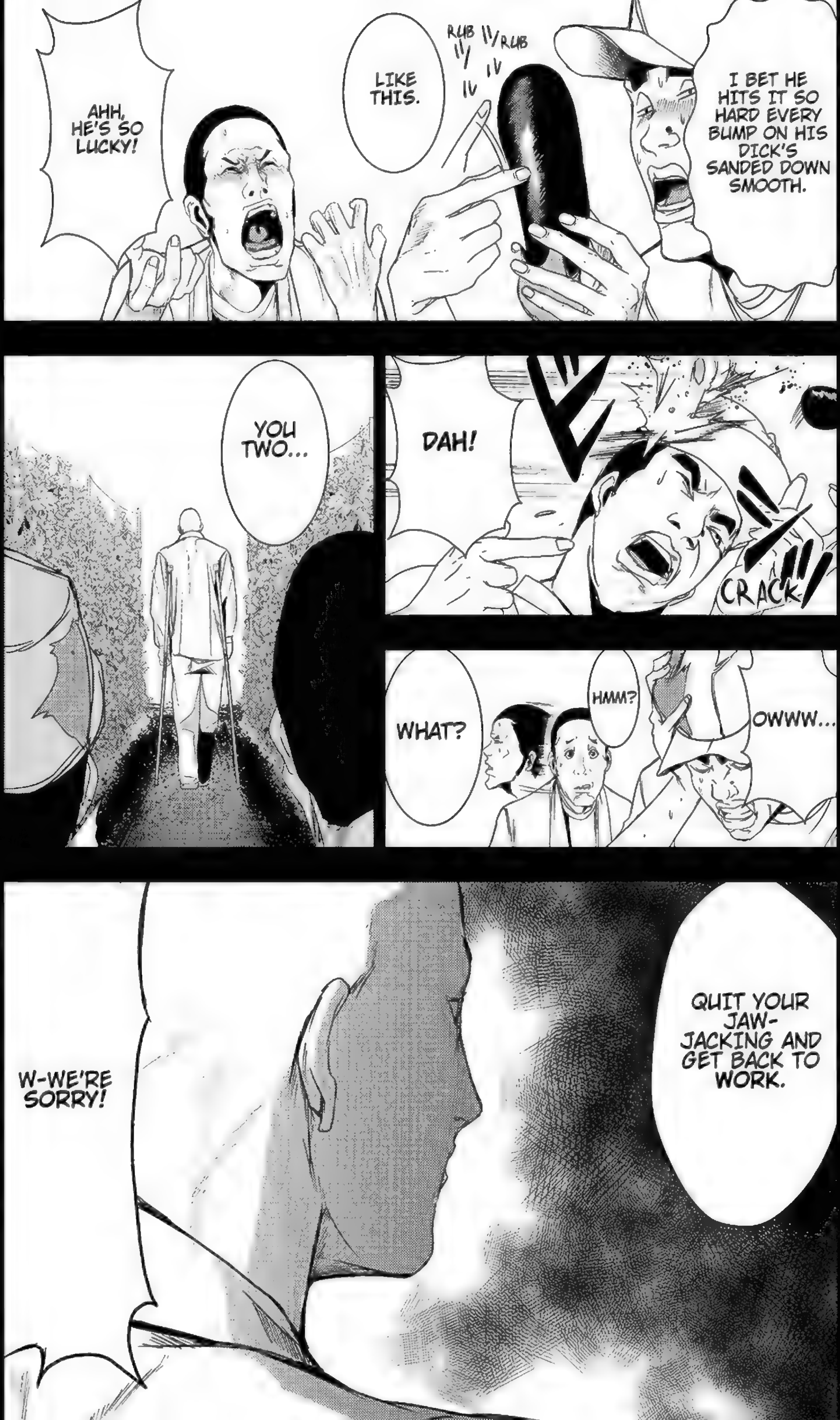
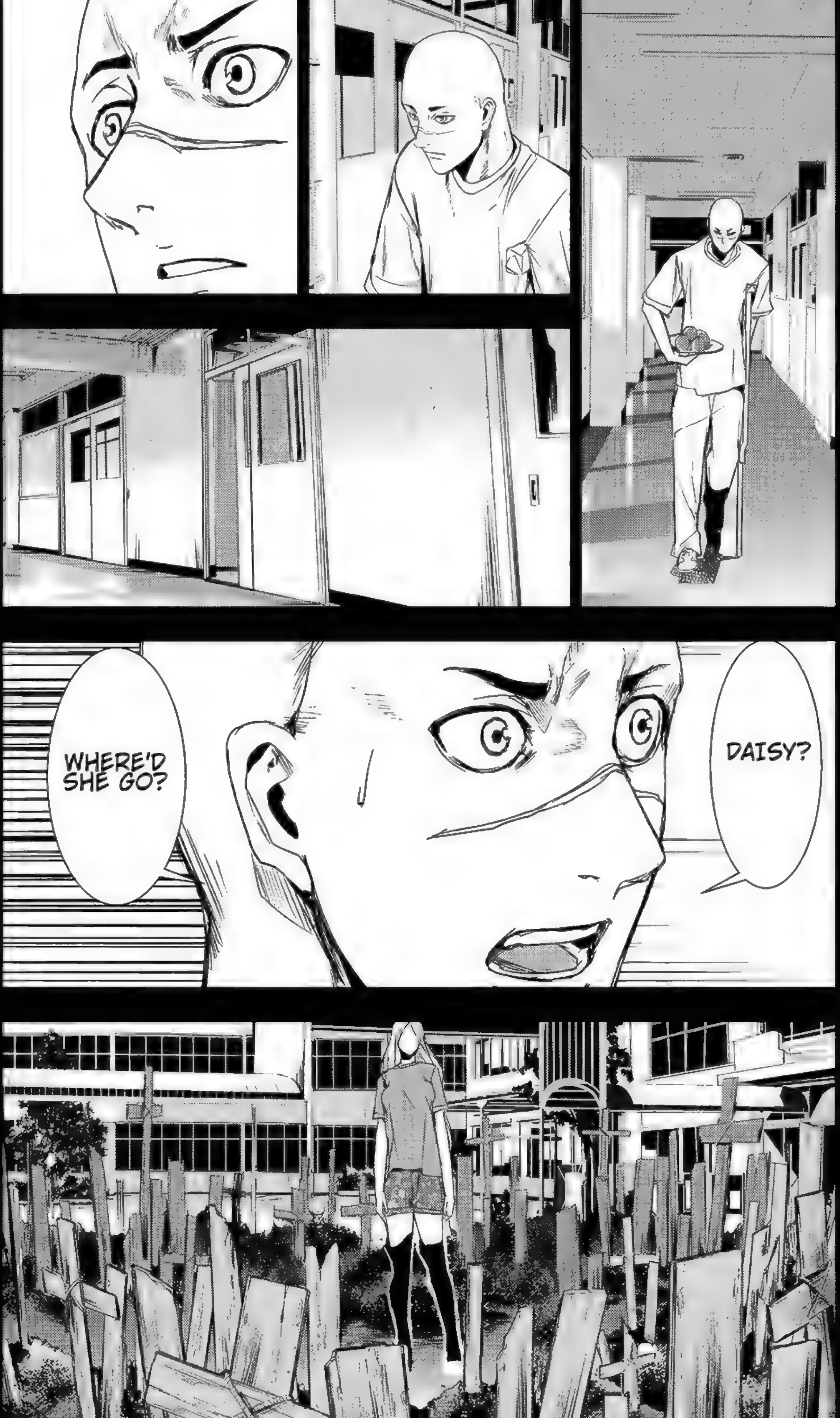

NEUMANN, HUH... DAMN.
SO YOU CAME TOO,
HITOTSUKABUTO-SAN.
YUP...
SURE DID.
AND...
WHAT EXACTLY MOTIVATED YOU TO COME ALL THIS WAY?
MMM...

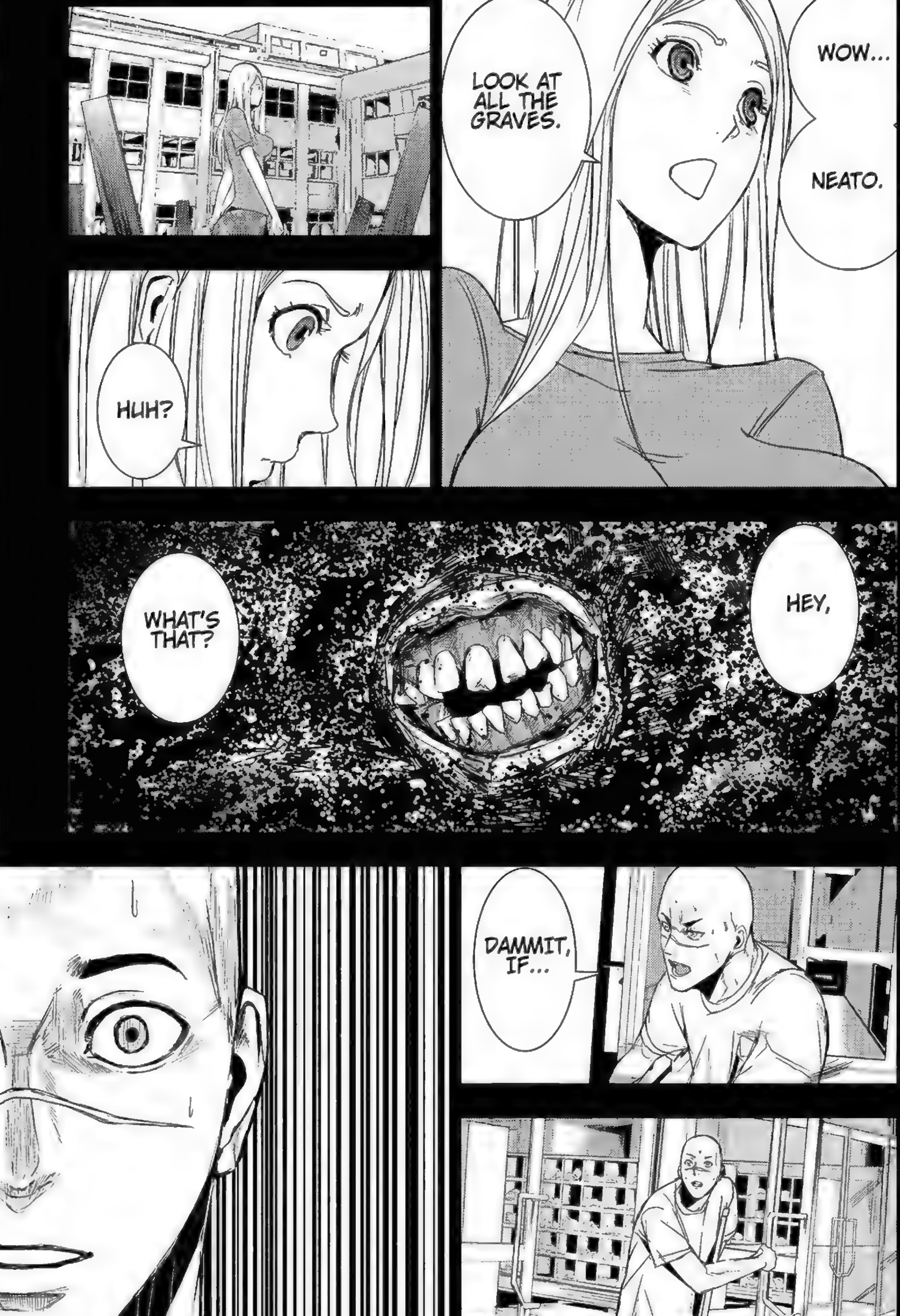

I SUDDENLY HAVE NEED OF YOUR DOCTOR'S SERVICES.
ムさりさん～
WHAT NEED?
WHATCHA NEED FROM HER?

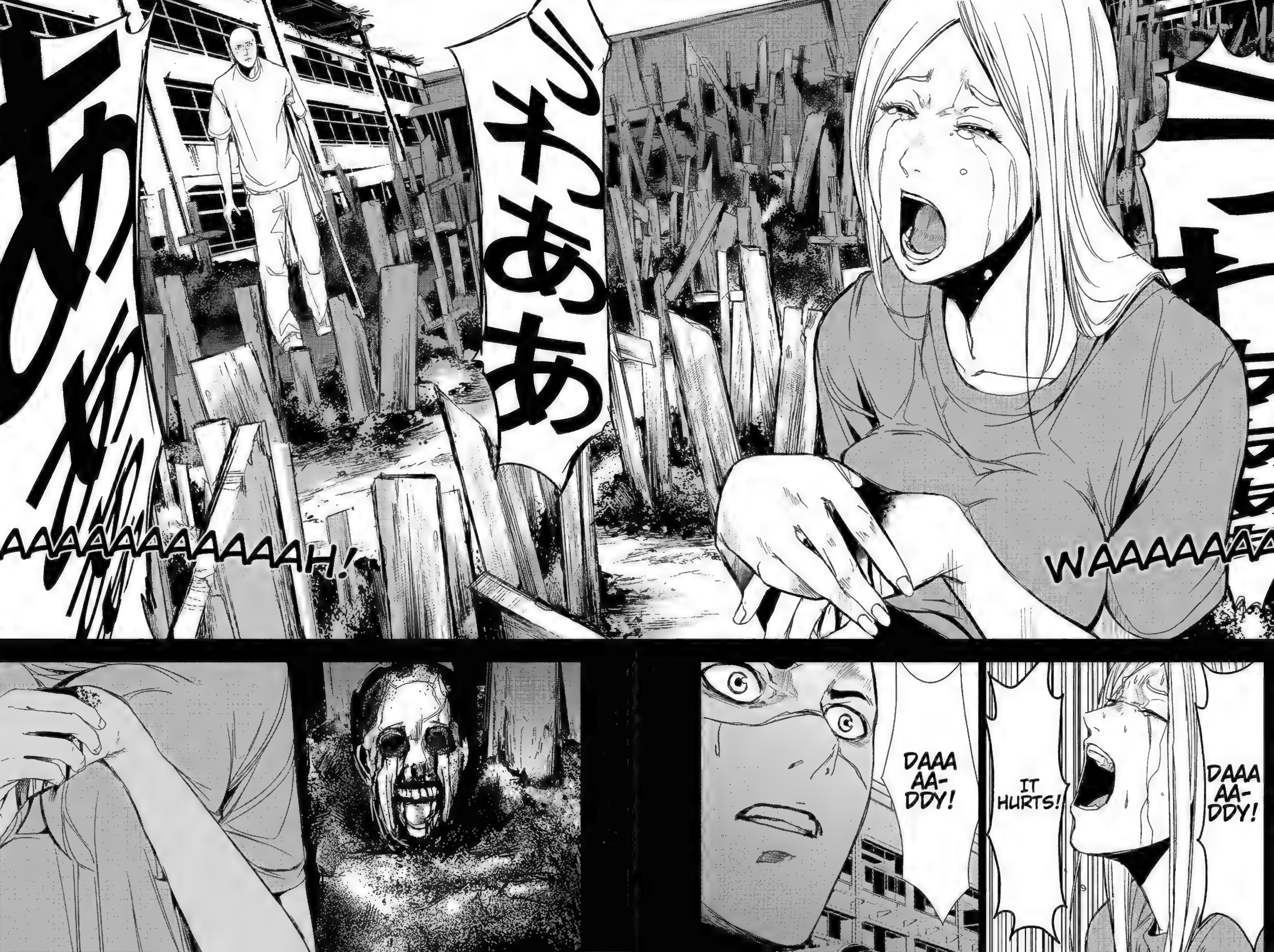

松嵐学園
WELL...
HMM...
THIS'LL HAVE TO DO.
HITOTSUKABUTO-SAAAAAAN!


THE EGG-PLANTS ARE GROWING GREAT, TOO.
YOU WANT ONE?
HMM?
NAH, SORRY.
SHE WON'T EAT THOSE.
SHE'S A LITTLE KID, AFTER ALL.
HE AND THAT AMERICAN CHICK ARE PROBABLY BANGING ALL NIGHT, EVERY NIGHT, HUH?
HELL YEAH HE IS.
WHO WOULDN'T TAP THAT ASS?
YOU SAID IT, DUDE.


I BET HE HITS IT SO HARD EVERY BUMP ON HIS DICK'S SANDED DOWN SMOOTH.
RUB RUB
LIKE THIS.
AHH, HE'S SO LUCKY!
CRACK!
DAH!
OWWW...
HMM?
WHAT?
YOU TWO...
QUIT YOUR JAW-JACKING AND GET BACK TO WORK.
W-WE'RE SORRY!


DAISY?
WHERE'D SHE GO?


WOW... NEATO.
LOOK AT ALL THE GRAVES.
HUH?
HEY,
WHAT'S THAT?
DAMMIT, IF...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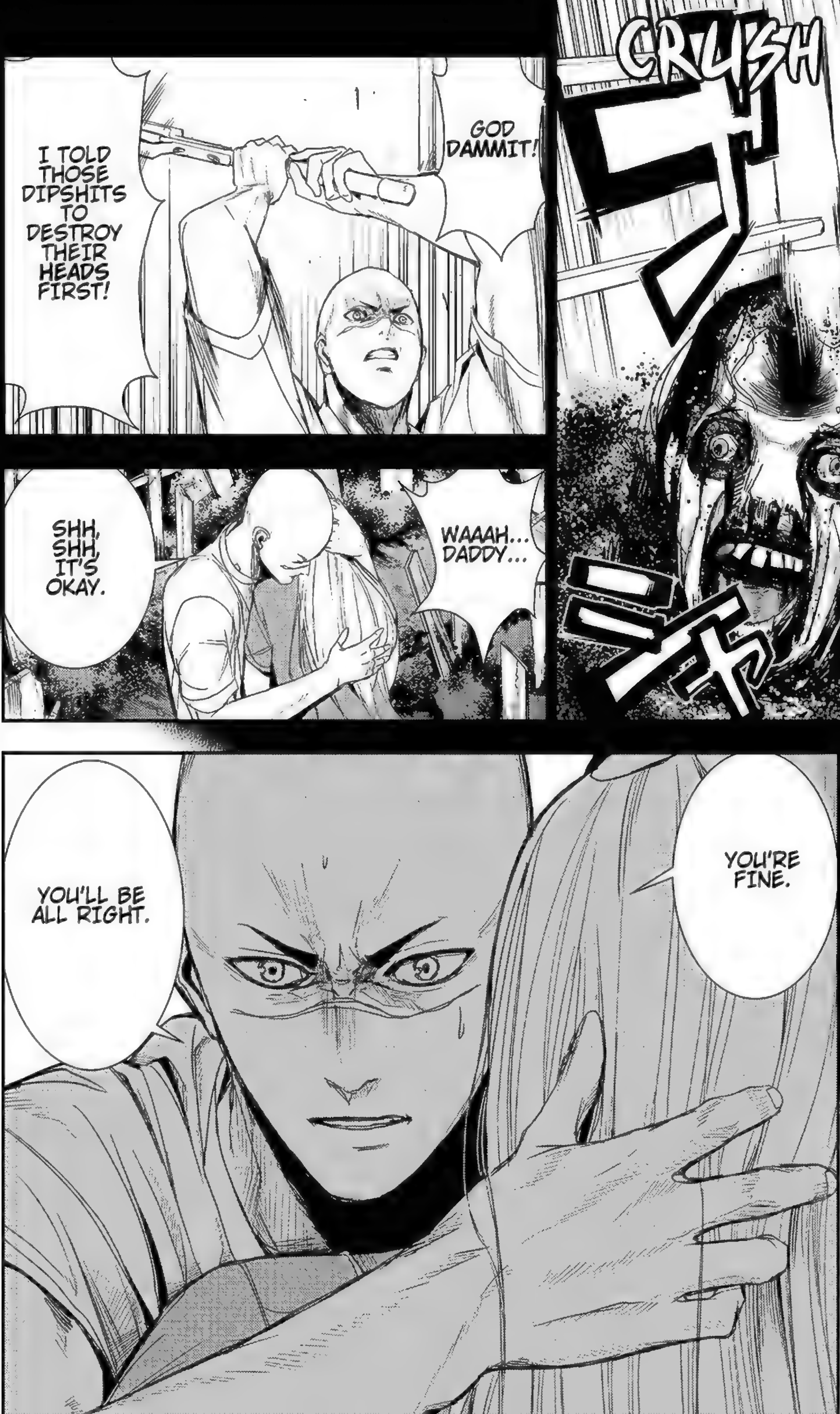
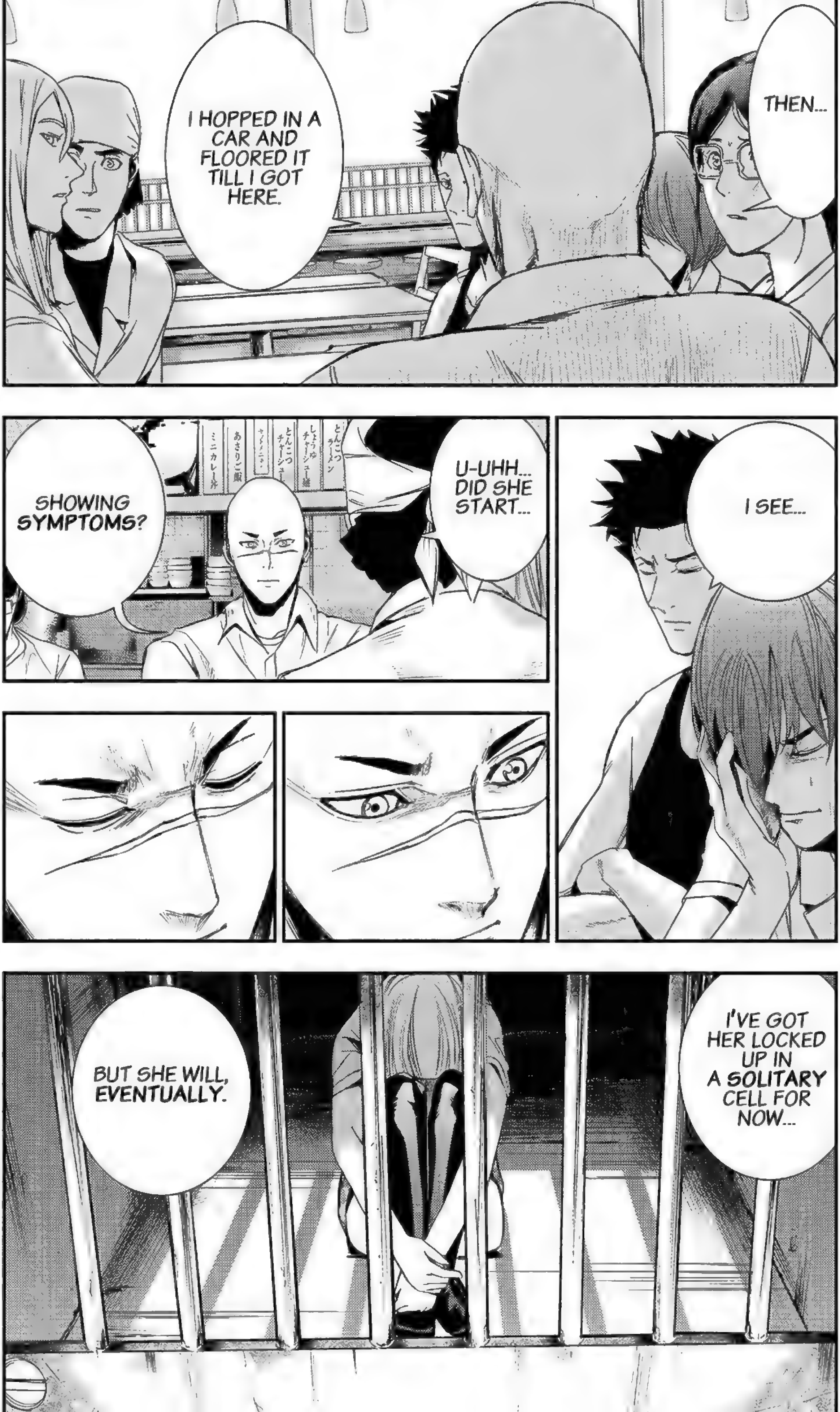
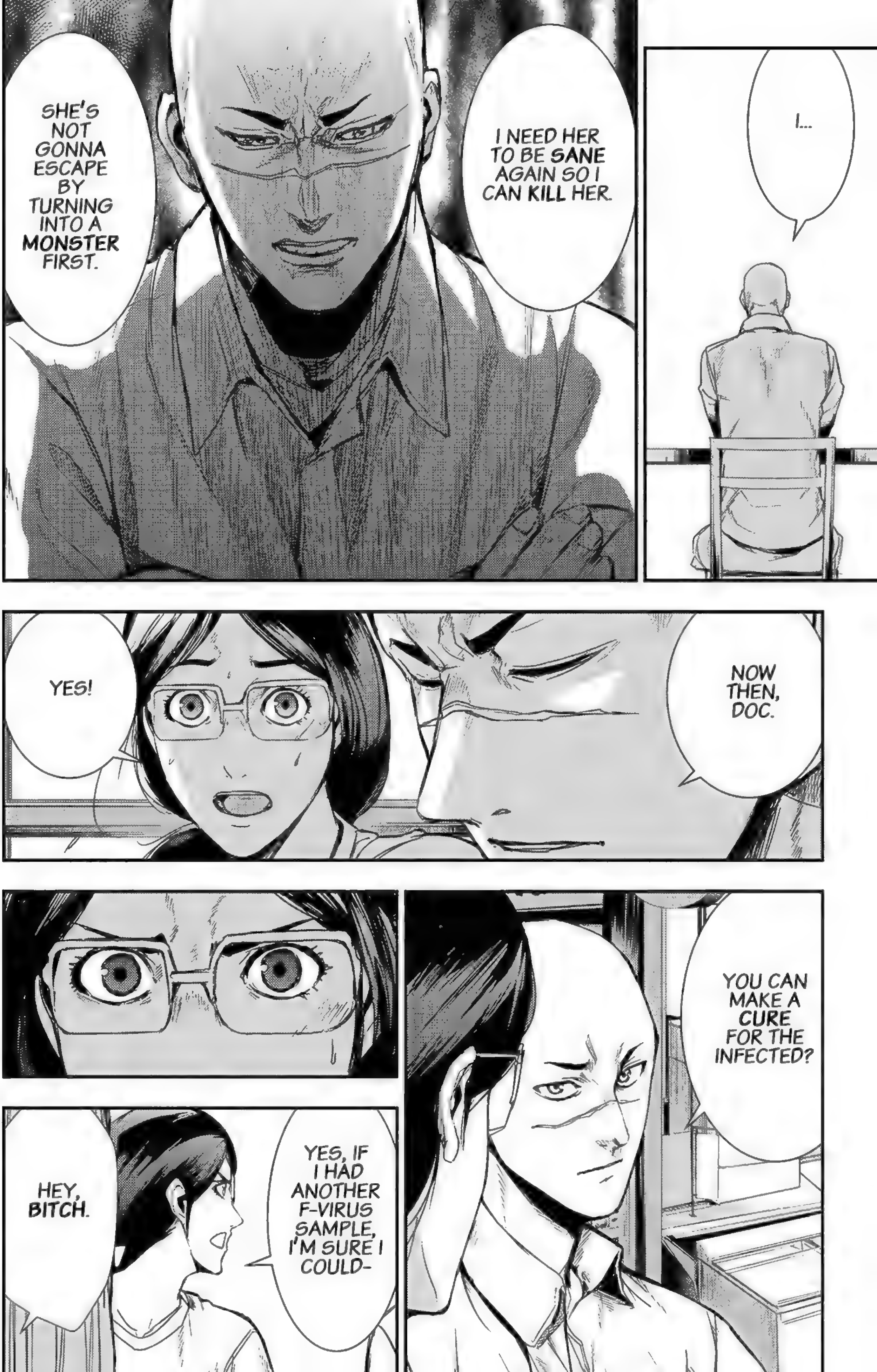
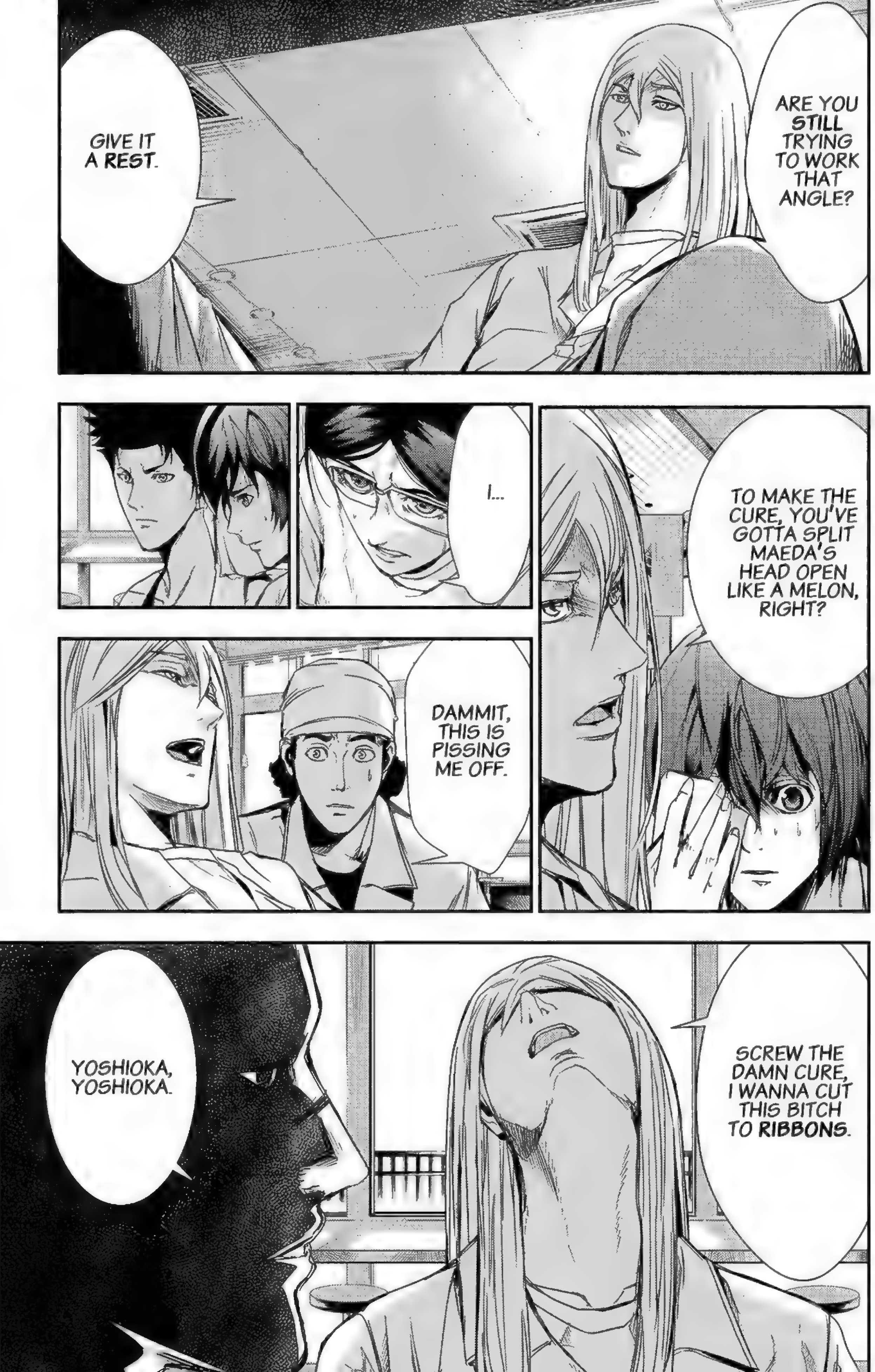
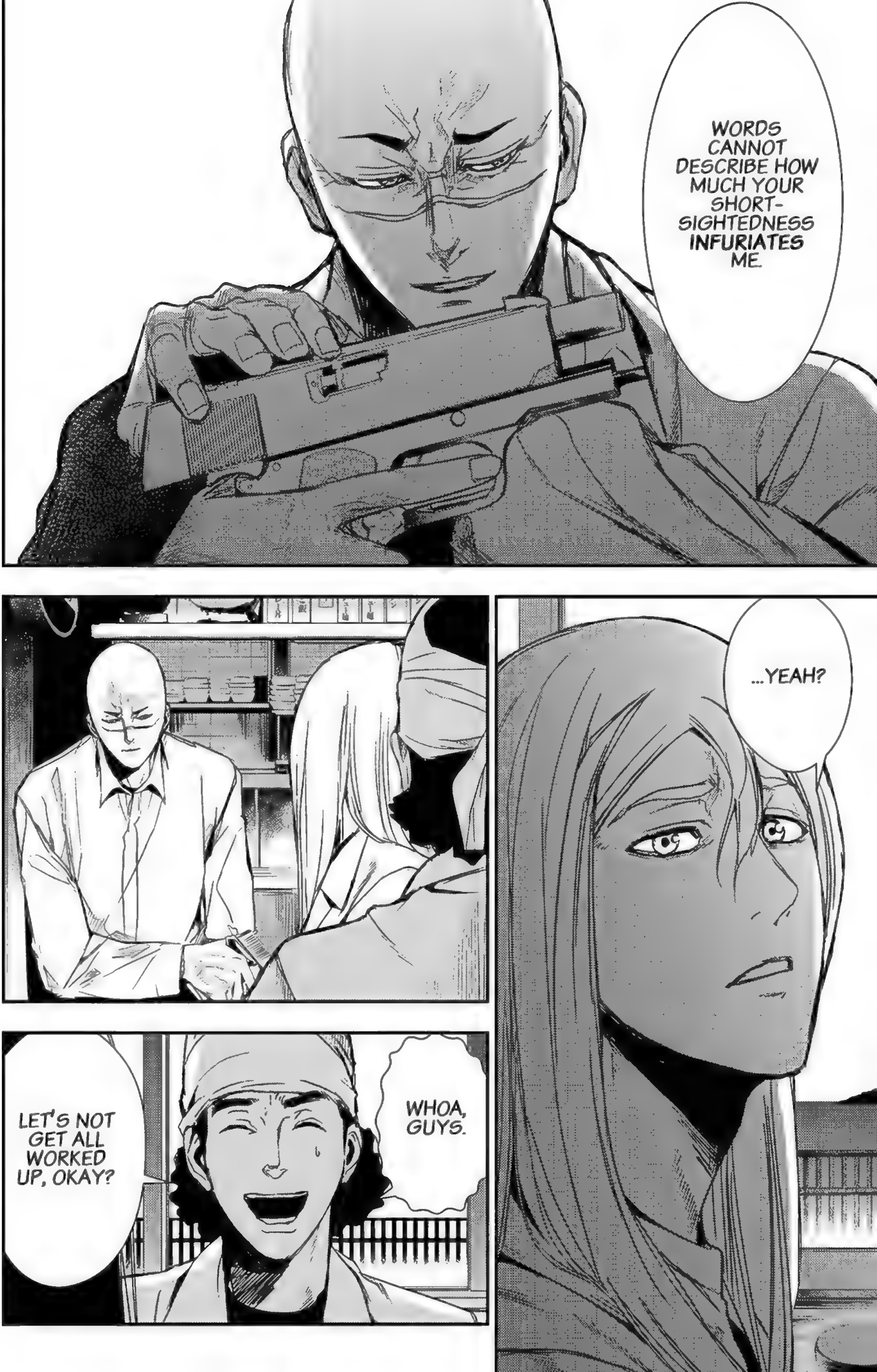
AAAAAAAAAAAAH!
DAAAAA-DDY!
IT HURTS!
DAAAAA-DDY!

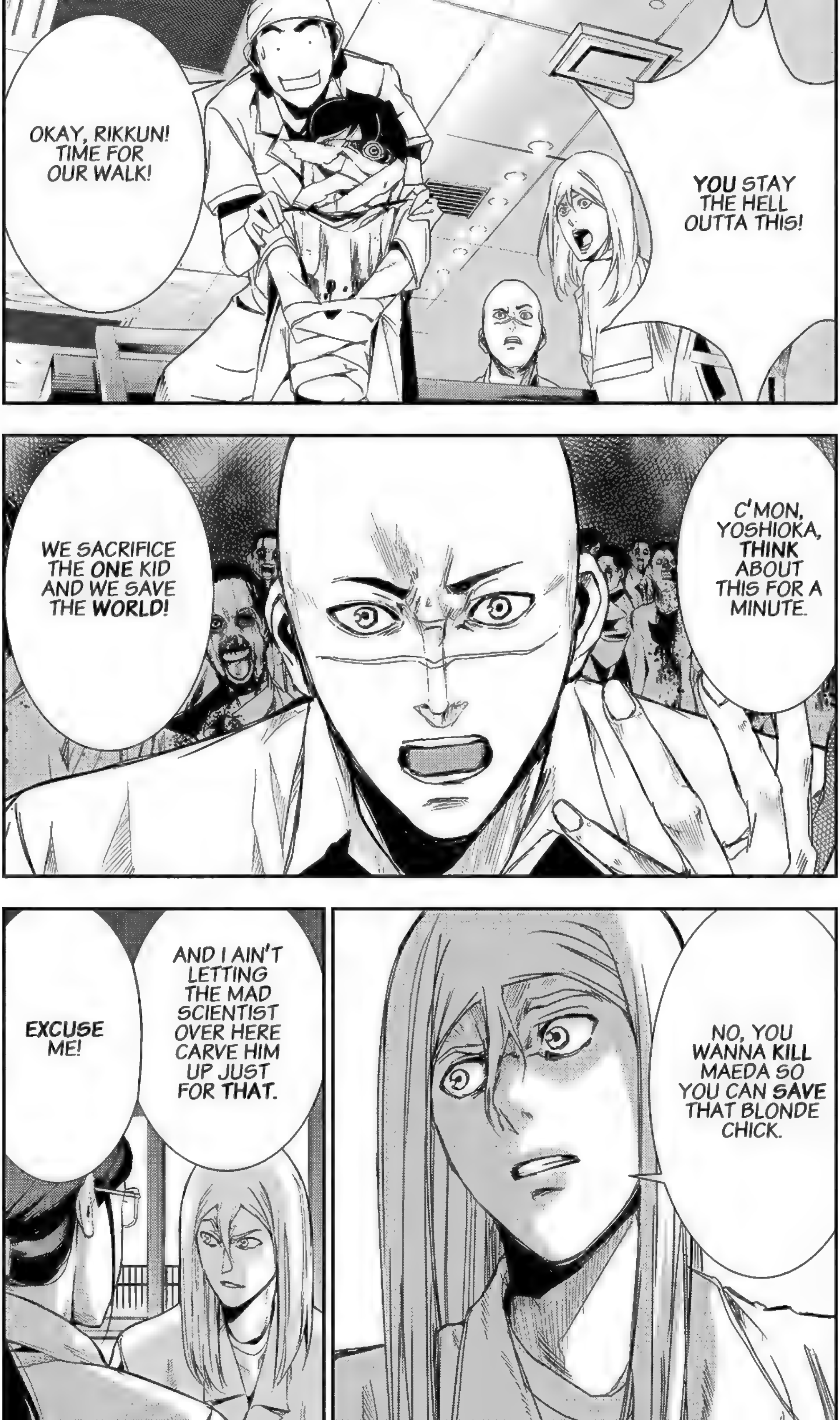

GOD DAMMIT!
I TOLD THOSE DIPSHITS TO DESTROY THEIR HEADS FIRST!
CRUSH
ゴシャ
WAAAH... DADDY...
SHH, SHH, IT'S OKAY.
YOU'RE FINE.
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

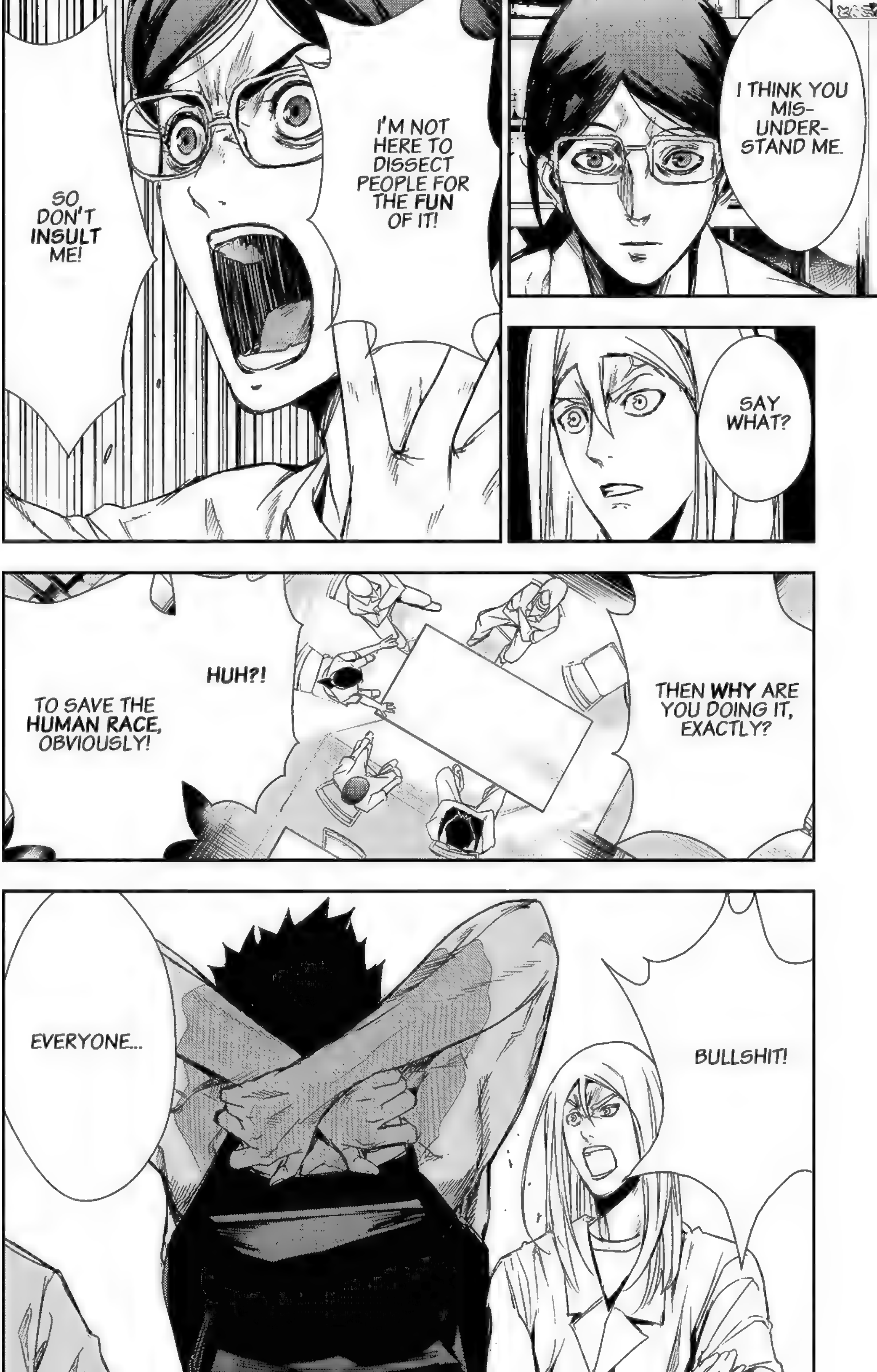

THEN...
I HOPPED IN A CAR AND FLOORED IT TILL I GOT HERE.
I SEE...
U-UHH... DID SHE START...
SHOWING SYMPTOMS?
I'VE GOT HER LOCKED UP IN A SOLITARY CELL FOR NOW...
BUT SHE WILL, EVENTUALLY.

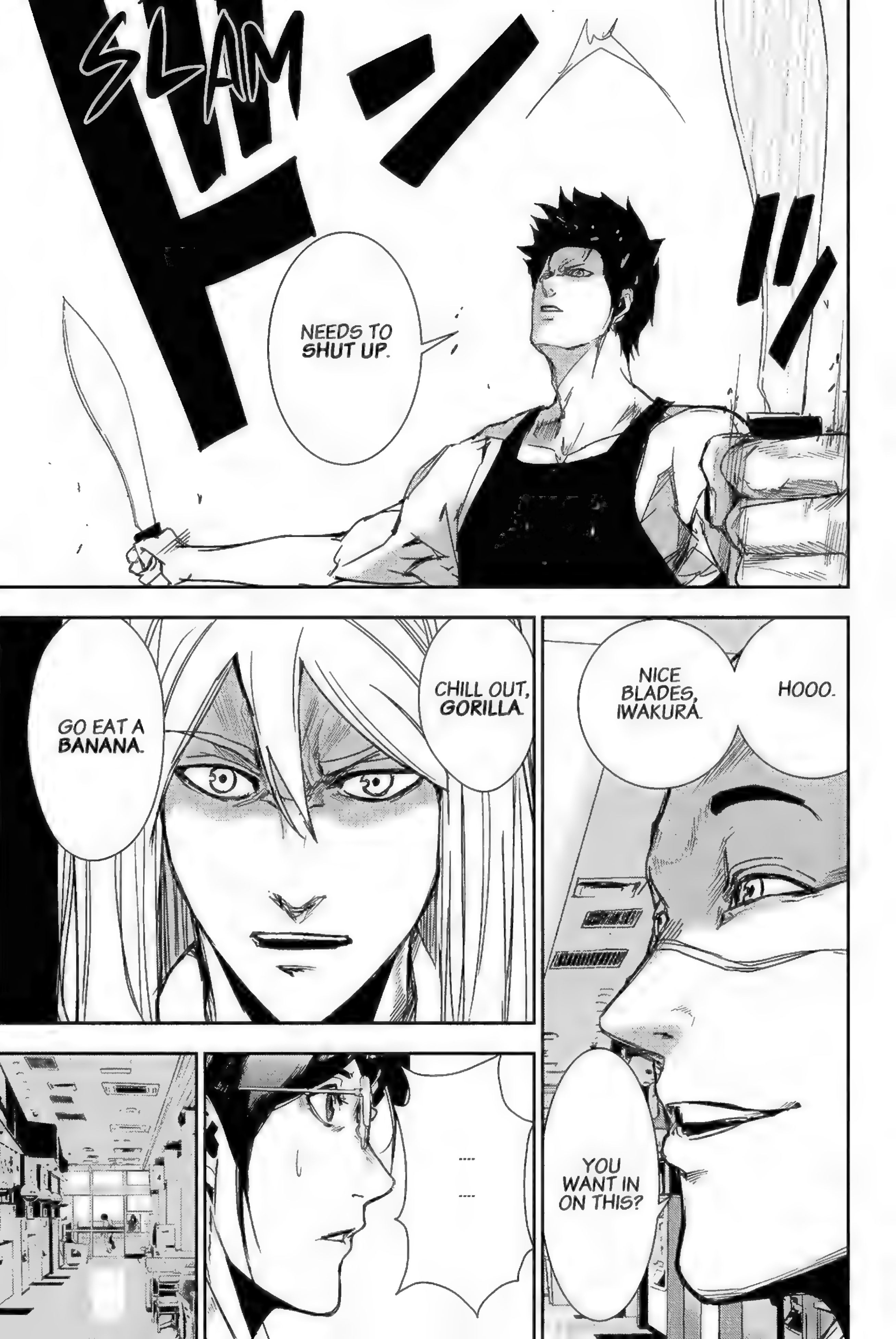

I...
I NEED HER TO BE SANE AGAIN SO I CAN KILL HER.
SHE'S NOT GONNA ESCAPE BY TURNING INTO A MONSTER FIRST.
NOW THEN, DOC.
YES!
YOU CAN MAKE A CURE FOR THE INFECTED?
YES, IF I HAD ANOTHER F-VIRUS SAMPLE, I'M SURE I COULD-
HEY, BITCH.

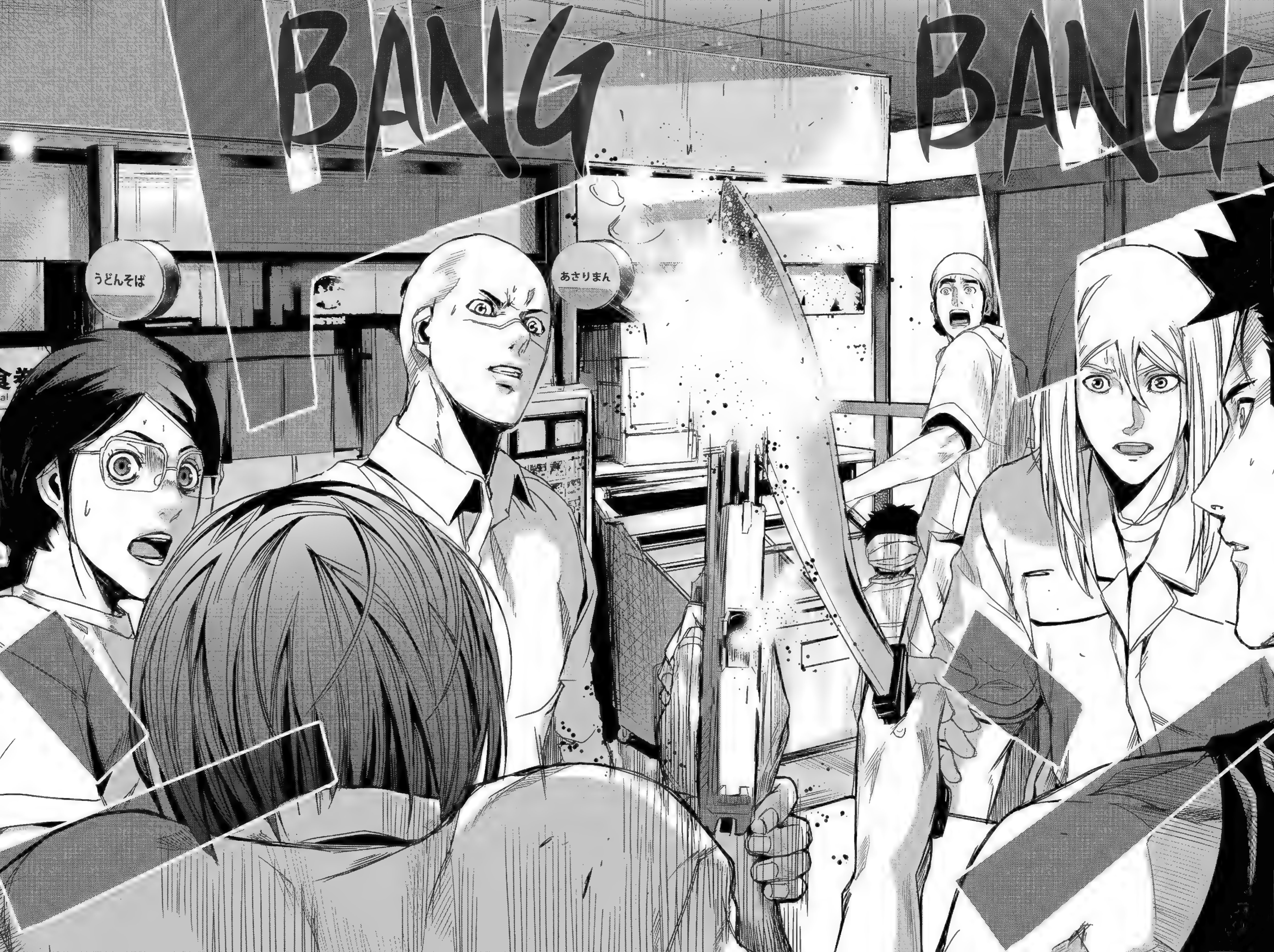

ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO WORK THAT ANGLE?
GIVE IT A REST.
TO MAKE THE CURE, YOU'VE GOTTA SPLIT MAEDA'S HEAD OPEN LIKE A MELON, RIGHT?
I...
DAMMIT, THIS IS PISSING ME OFF.
SCREW THE DAMN CURE, I WANNA CUT THIS BITCH TO RIBBONS.
YOSHIOKA, YOSHIOKA.


WORDS CANNOT DESCRIBE HOW MUCH YOUR SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS **INFURIATES** ME.
...YEAH?
WHOA, GUYS.
LET'S NOT GET ALL WORKED UP, OKAY?


YOU STAY THE HELL OUTTA THIS!
OKAY, RIKKUN! TIME FOR OUR WALK!
C'MON, YOSHIOKA, THINK ABOUT THIS FOR A MINUTE.
WE SACRIFICE THE ONE KID AND WE SAVE THE WORLD!
NO, YOU WANNA KILL MAEDA SO YOU CAN SAVE THAT BLONDE CHICK.
AND I AIN'T LETTING THE MAD SCIENTIST OVER HERE CARVE HIM UP JUST FOR THAT.
EXCUSE ME!


I THINK YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME.
SAY WHAT?
I'M NOT HERE TO DISSECT PEOPLE FOR THE **FUN** OF IT!
SO DON'T **INSULT** ME!
THEN **WHY** ARE YOU DOING IT, EXACTLY?
HUH?!
TO SAVE THE **HUMAN RACE**, OBVIOUSLY!
BULLSHIT!
EVERYONE...


SLAM
ドン
NEEDS TO SHUT UP.
HOOO.
NICE BLADES, IWAKURA.
CHILL OUT, GORILLA.
GO EAT A BANANA.
YOU WANT IN ON THIS?
....
....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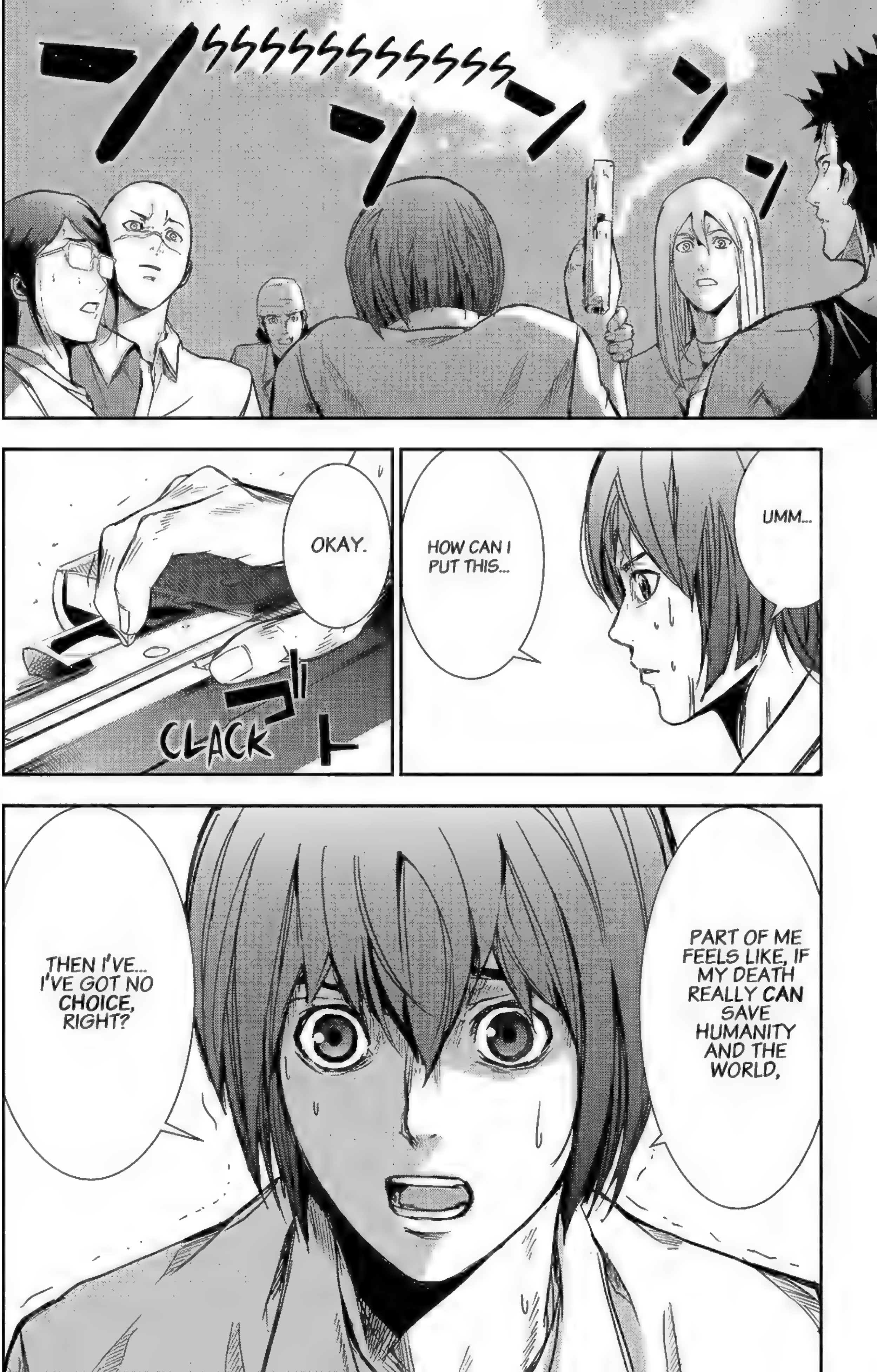
BANG
あさりまん
うどんそば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UMM...
HOW CAN I PUT THIS...
OKAY.
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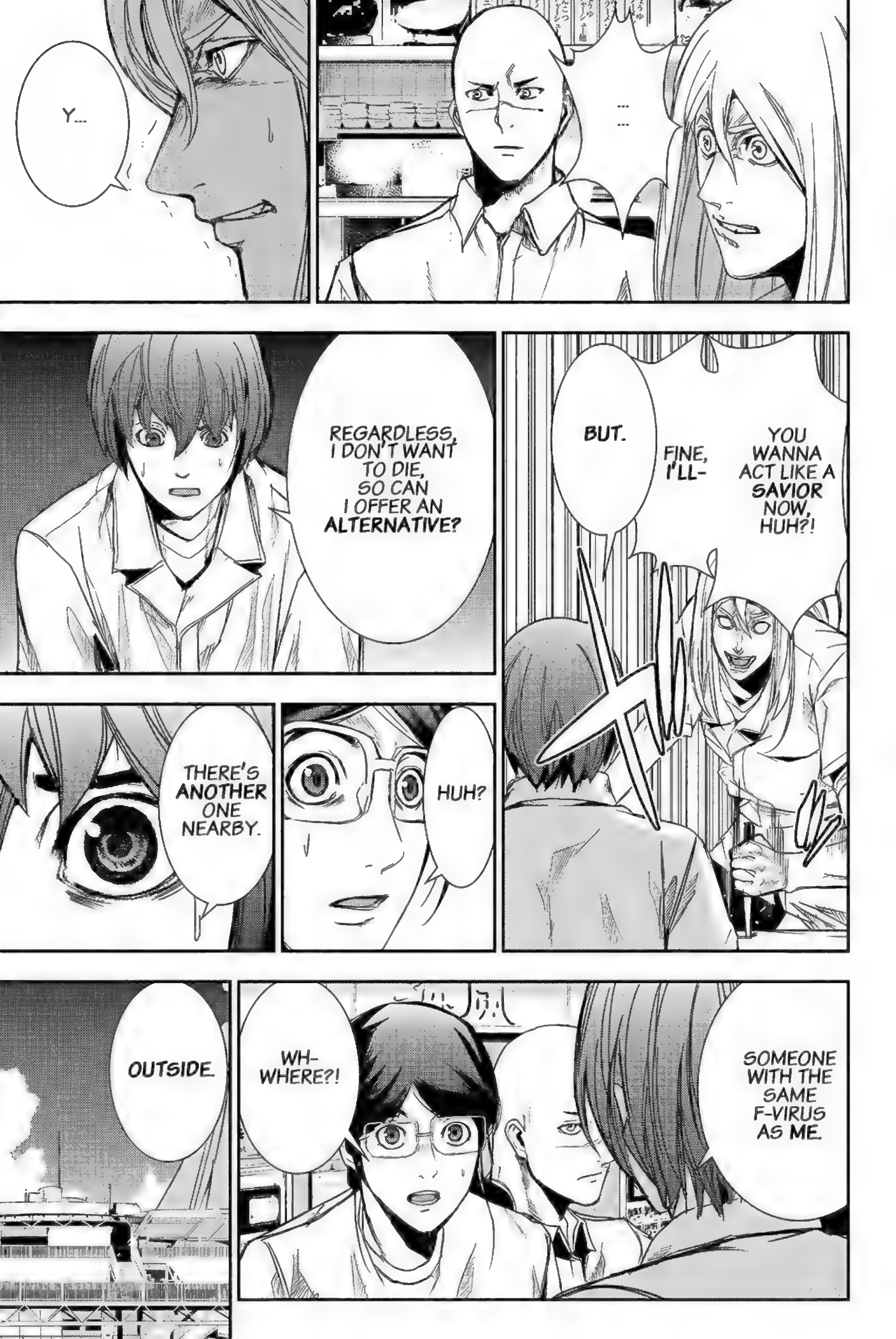
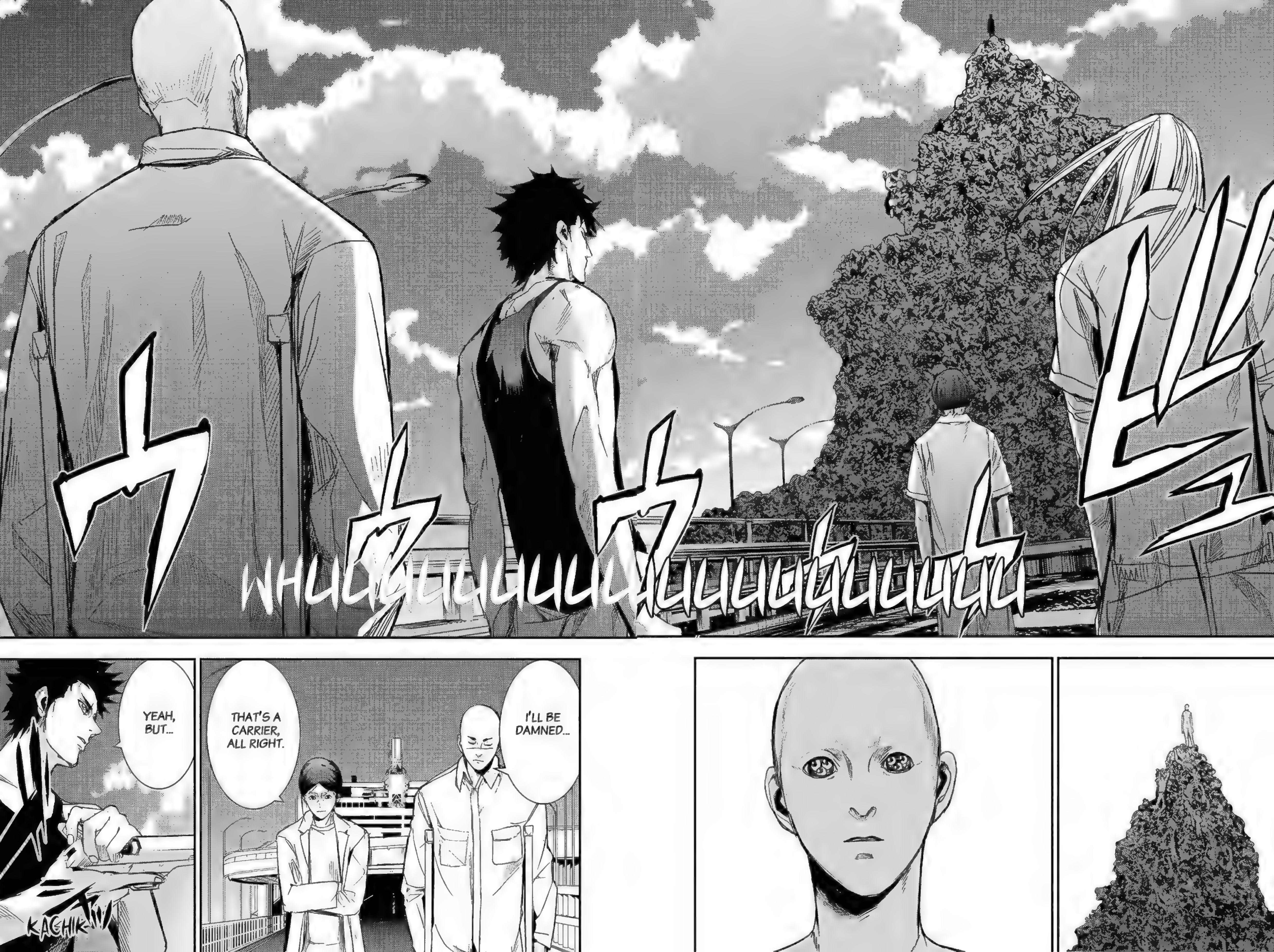
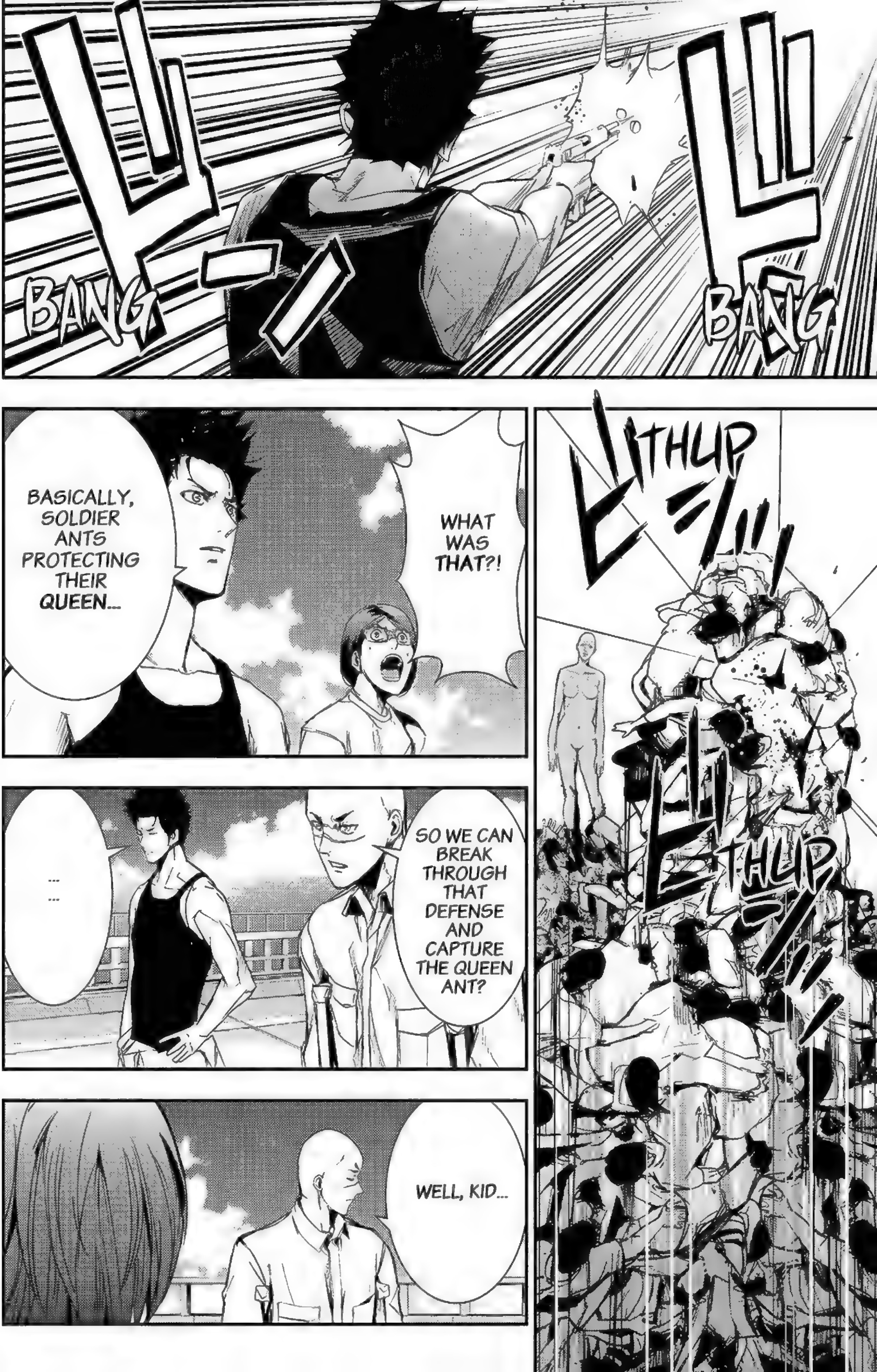
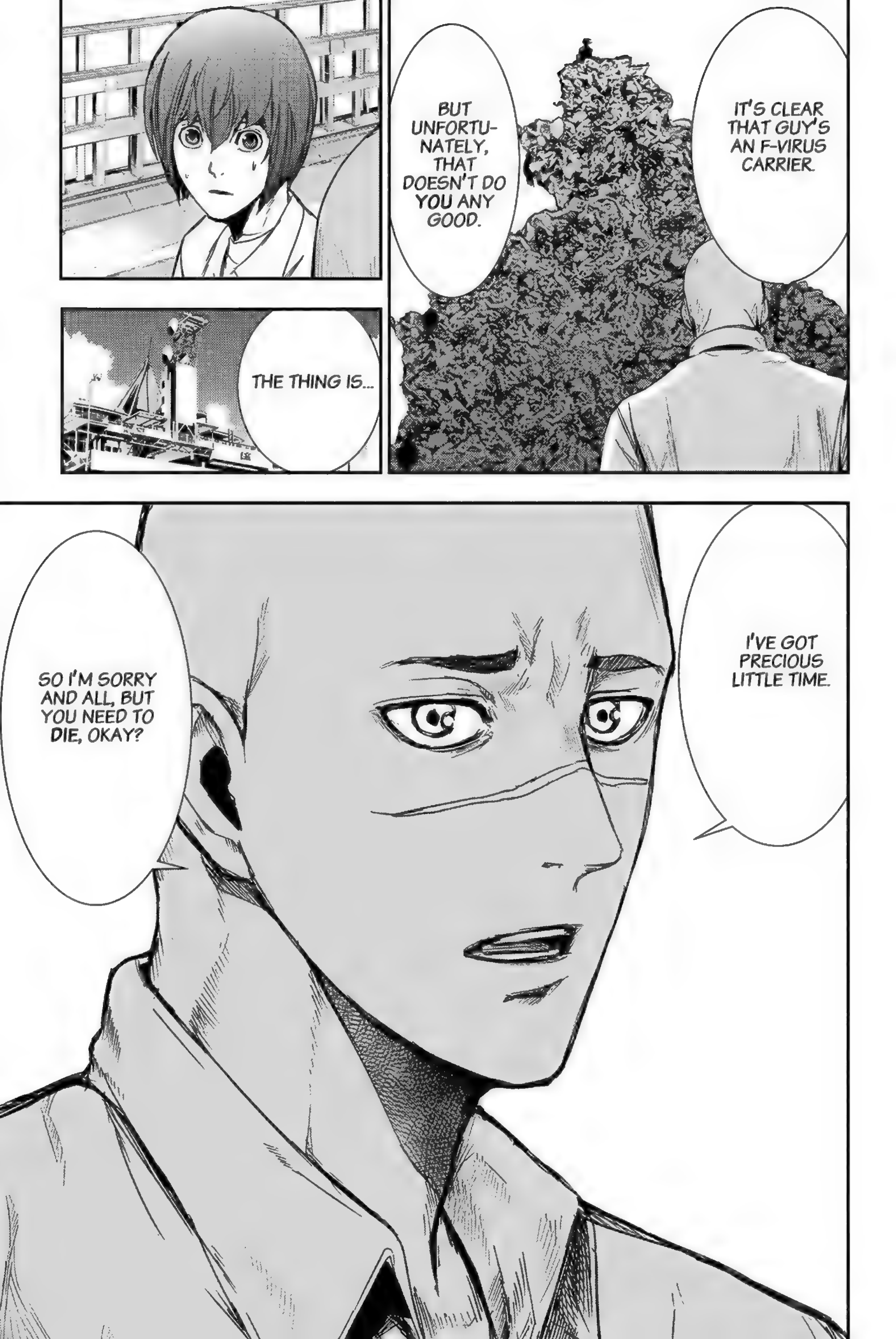
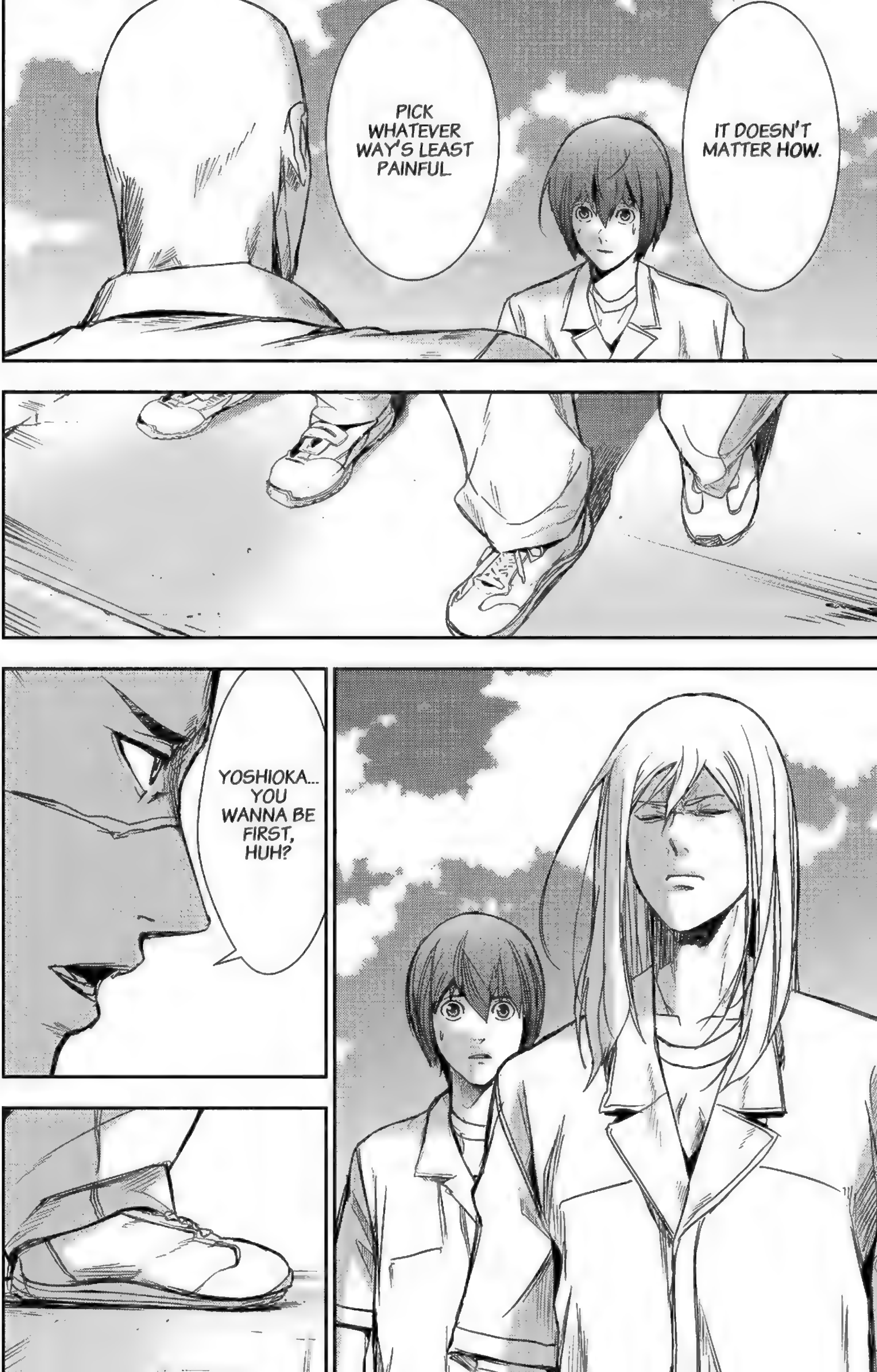
CLACK
PART OF ME FEELS LIKE, IF MY DEATH REALLY CAN SAVE HUMANITY AND THE WORLD,
THEN I'VE... I'VE GOT NO CHOICE, RIGHT?

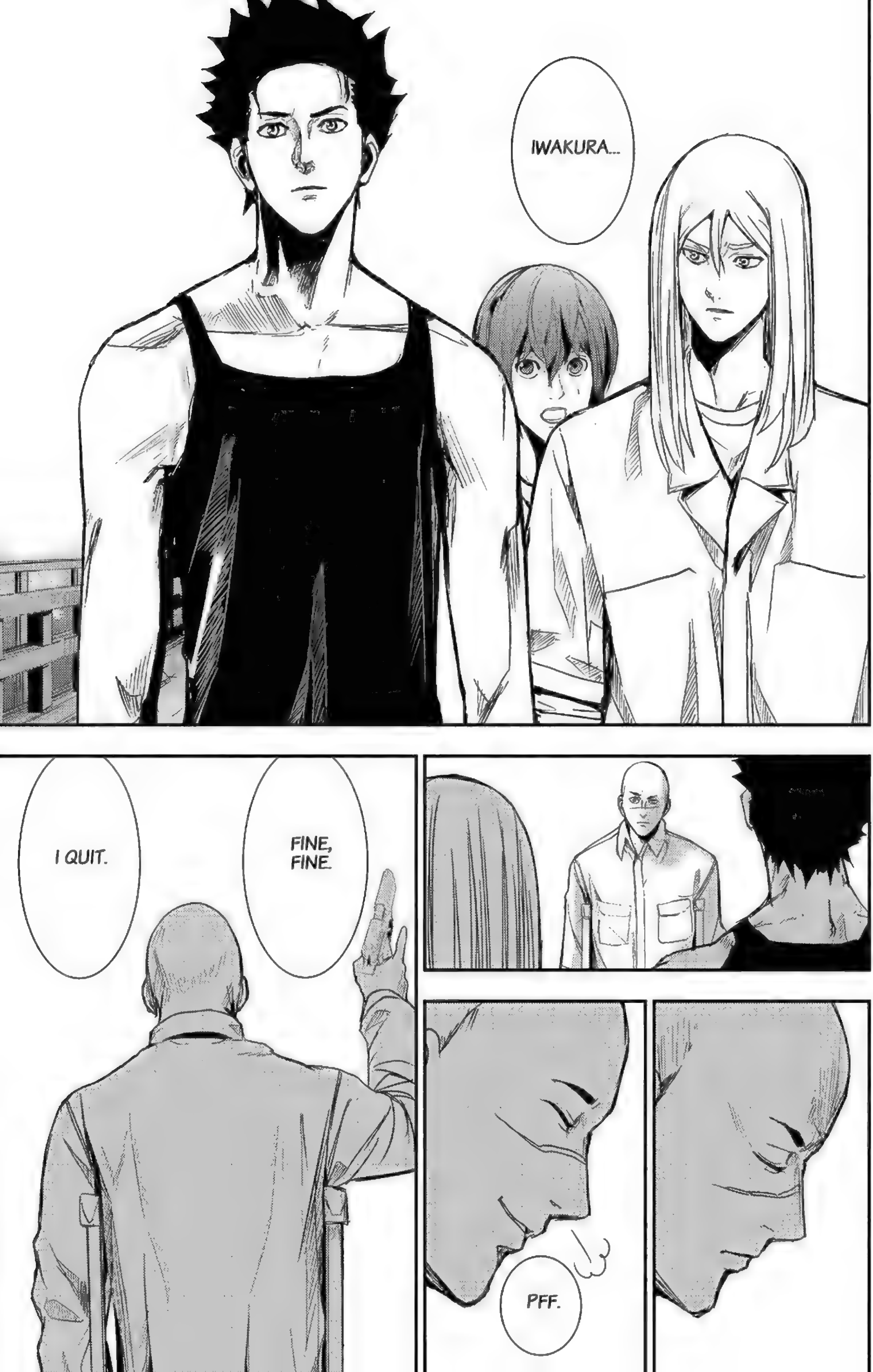

... ...
Y...
YOU WANNA ACT LIKE A **SAVIOR** NOW, HUH?!
FINE, **I'LL-**
BUT.
REGARDLESS, I DON'T WANT TO DIE, SO CAN I OFFER AN **ALTERNATIVE?**
HUH?
THERE'S **ANOTHER** ONE NEARBY.
SOMEONE WITH THE SAME F-VIRUS AS ME.
WH- WHERE?!
OUTSIDE.

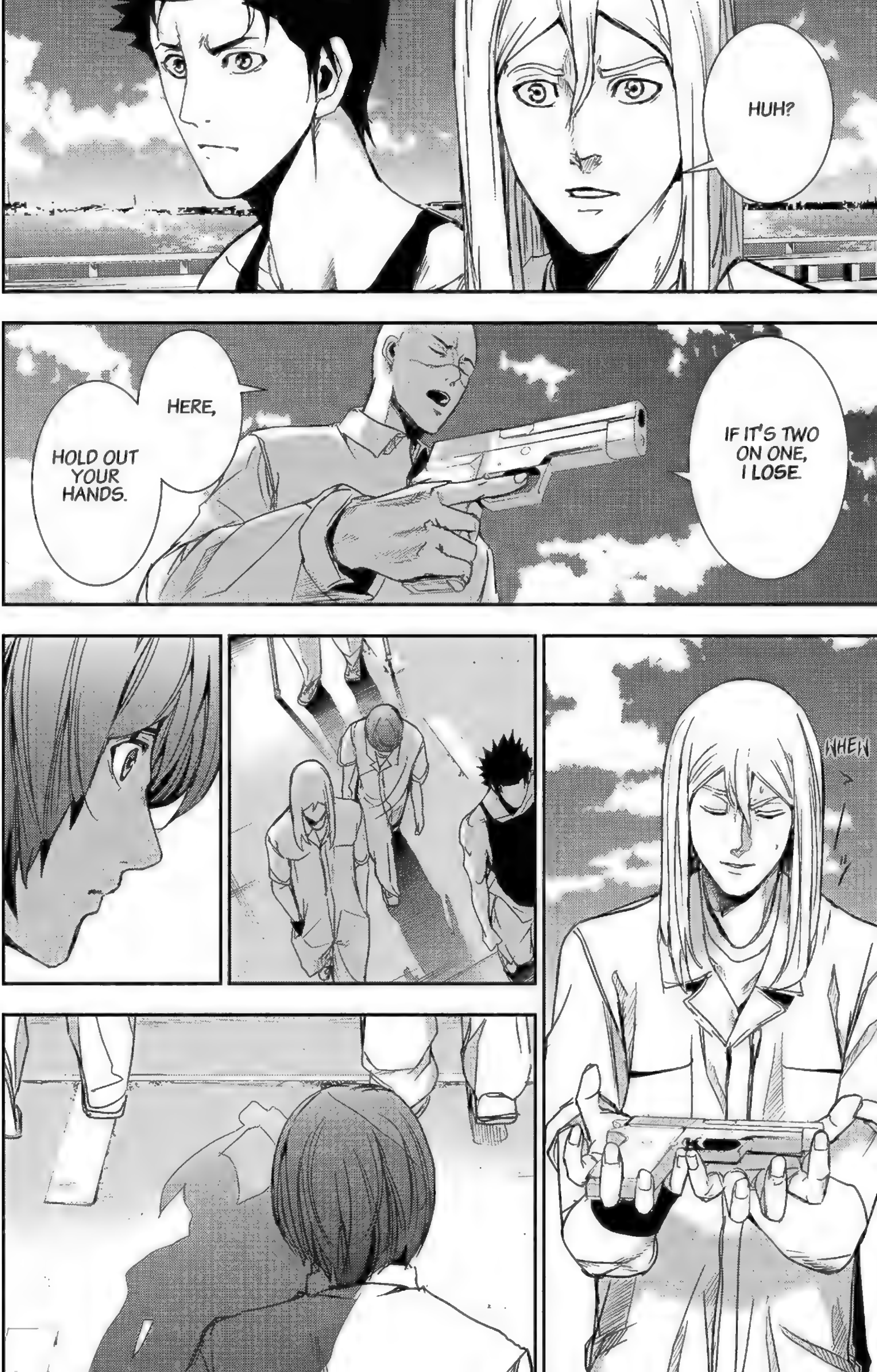

WHUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUU
I'LL BE DAMNED...
THAT'S A CARRIER, ALL RIGHT.
YEAH, BUT...
KACHIK

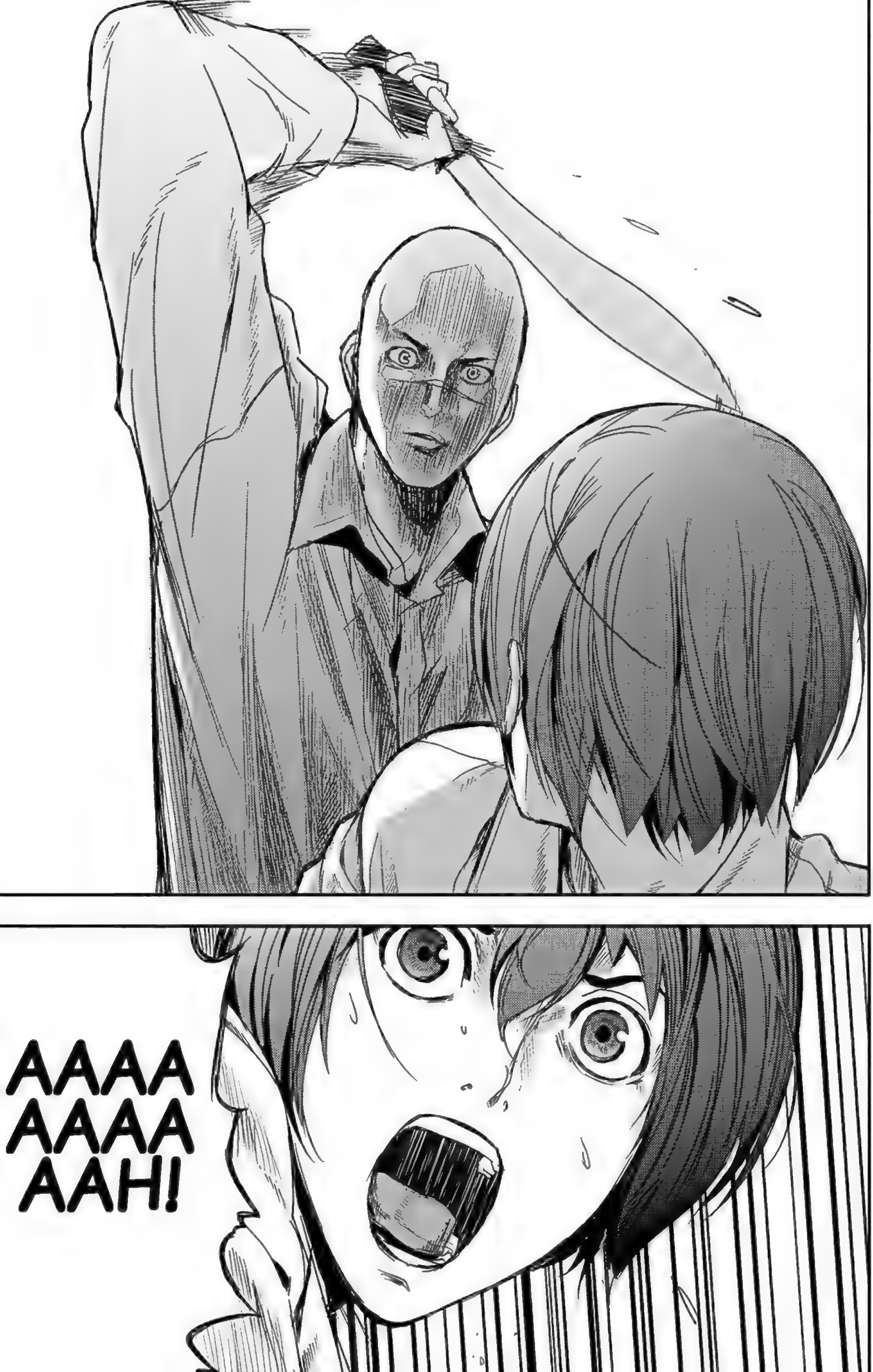

BANG
BANG
THLIP
THLIP
WHAT WAS THAT?!
BASICALLY, SOLDIER ANTS PROTECTING THEIR QUEEN...
SO WE CAN BREAK THROUGH THAT DEFENSE AND CAPTURE THE QUEEN ANT?
... ...
WELL, KID...

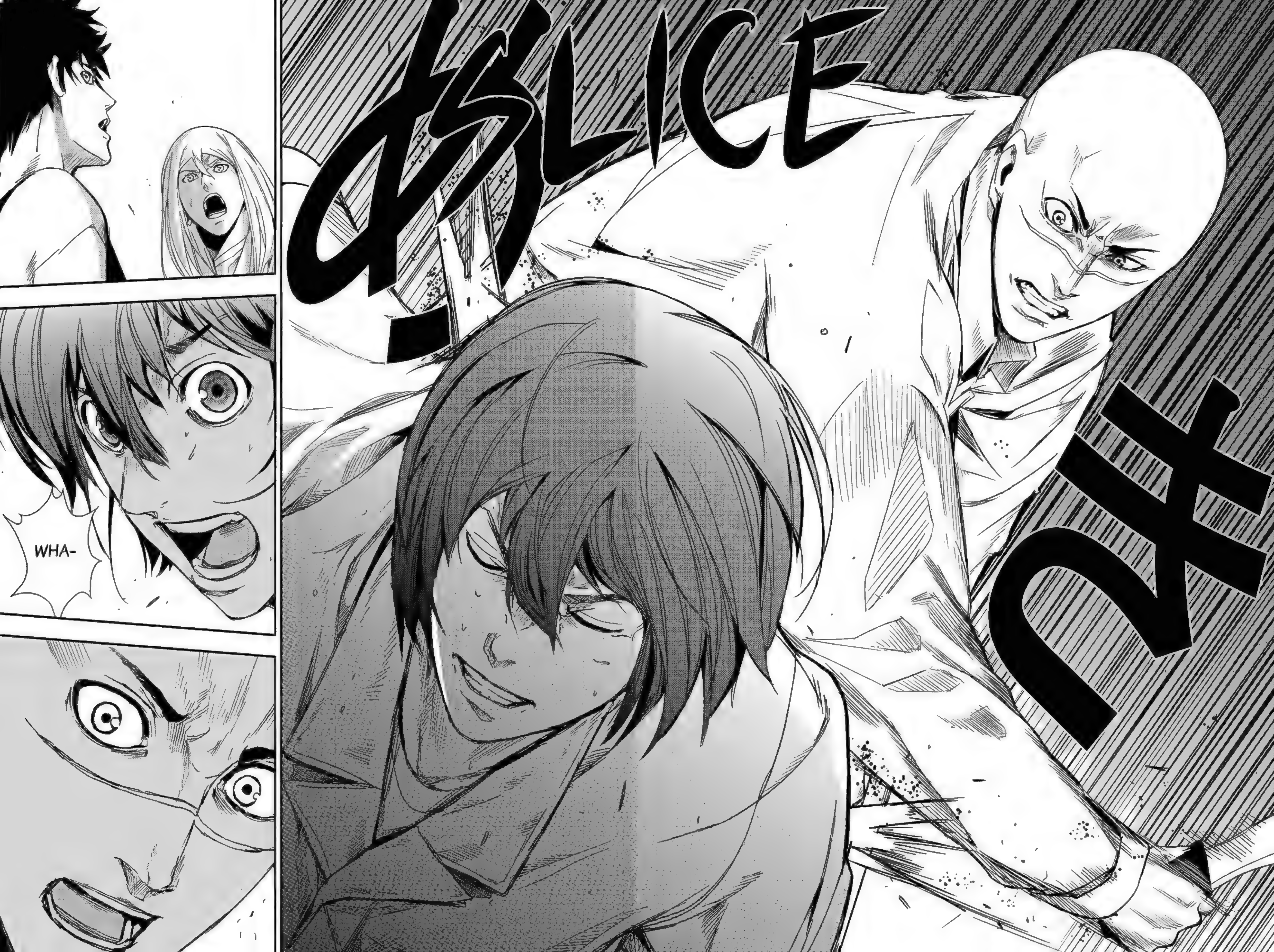

IT'S CLEAR THAT GUY'S AN F-VIRUS CARRIER.
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THAT DOESN'T DO YOU ANY GOOD.
THE THING IS...
I'VE GOT PRECIOUS LITTLE TIME.
SO I'M SORRY AND ALL, BUT YOU NEED TO DIE, OKAY?


IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW.
PICK WHATEVER WAY'S LEAST PAINFUL
YOSHIOKA... YOU WANNA BE FIRST, HUH?


IWAKURA...
FINE, FINE.
I QUIT.
PFF.


HUH?
IF IT'S TWO ON ONE, I LOSE.
HERE,
HOLD OUT YOUR HANDS.
WHEN


AAAA
AAAA
AAH!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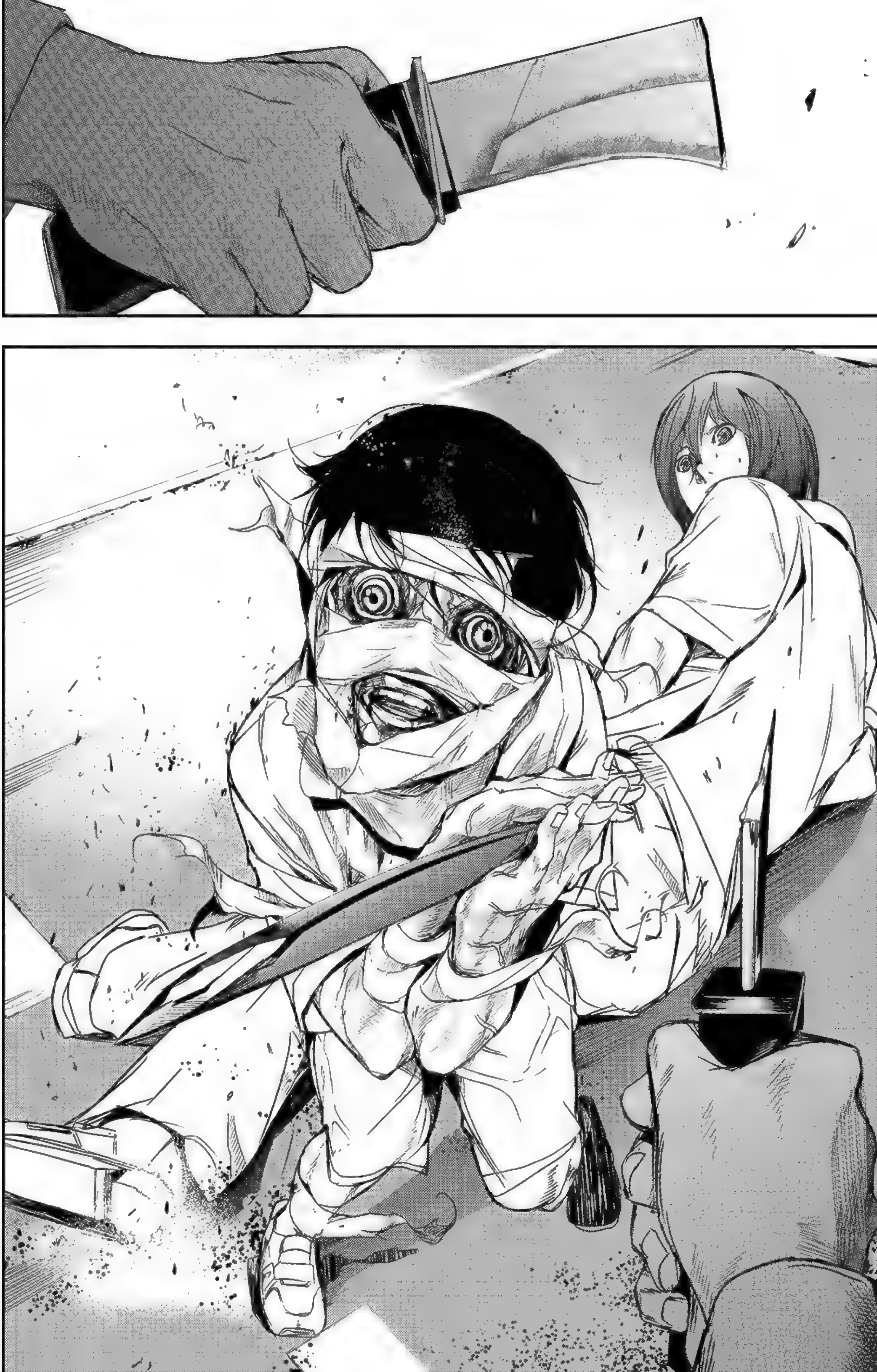
WHA-



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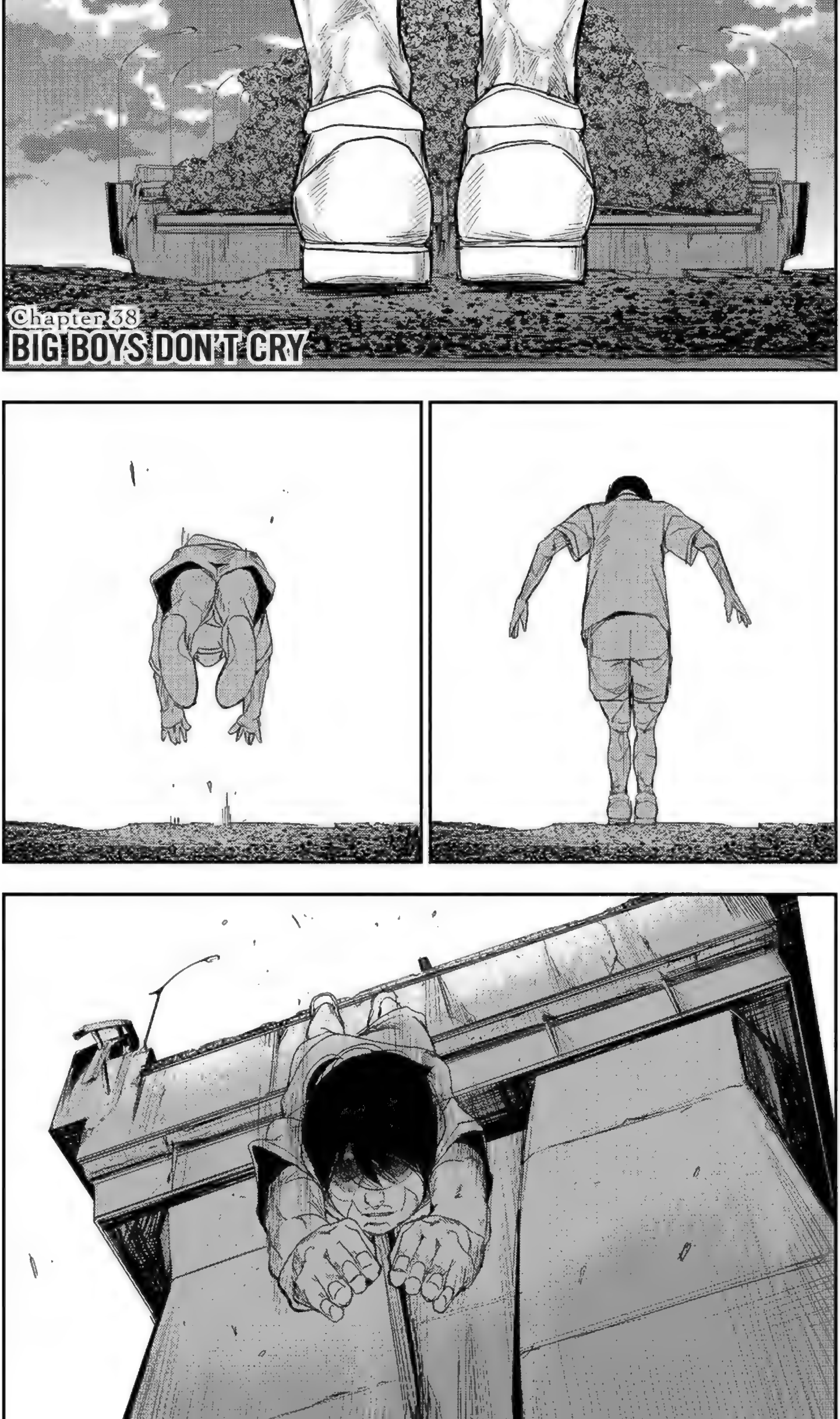

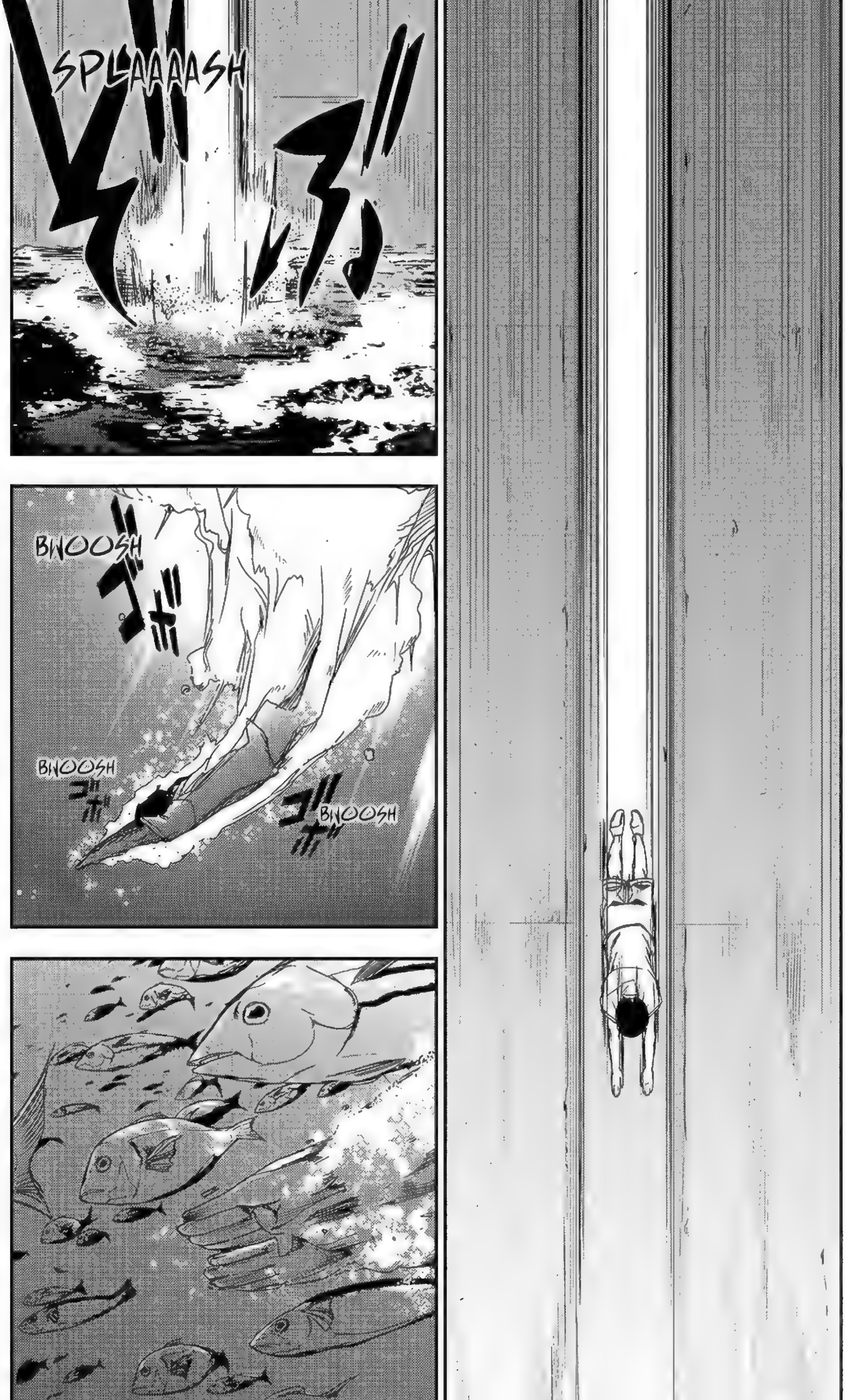
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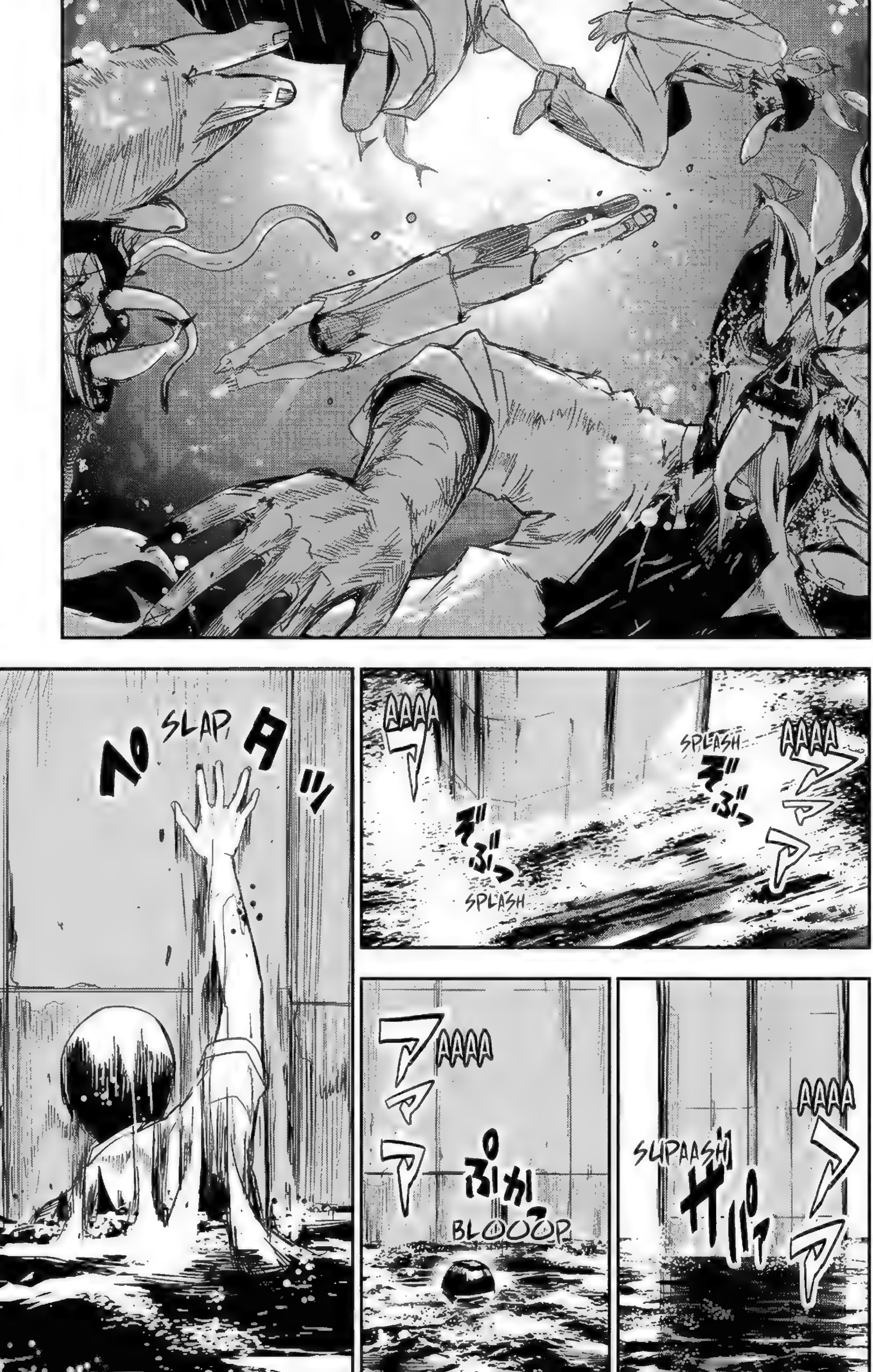
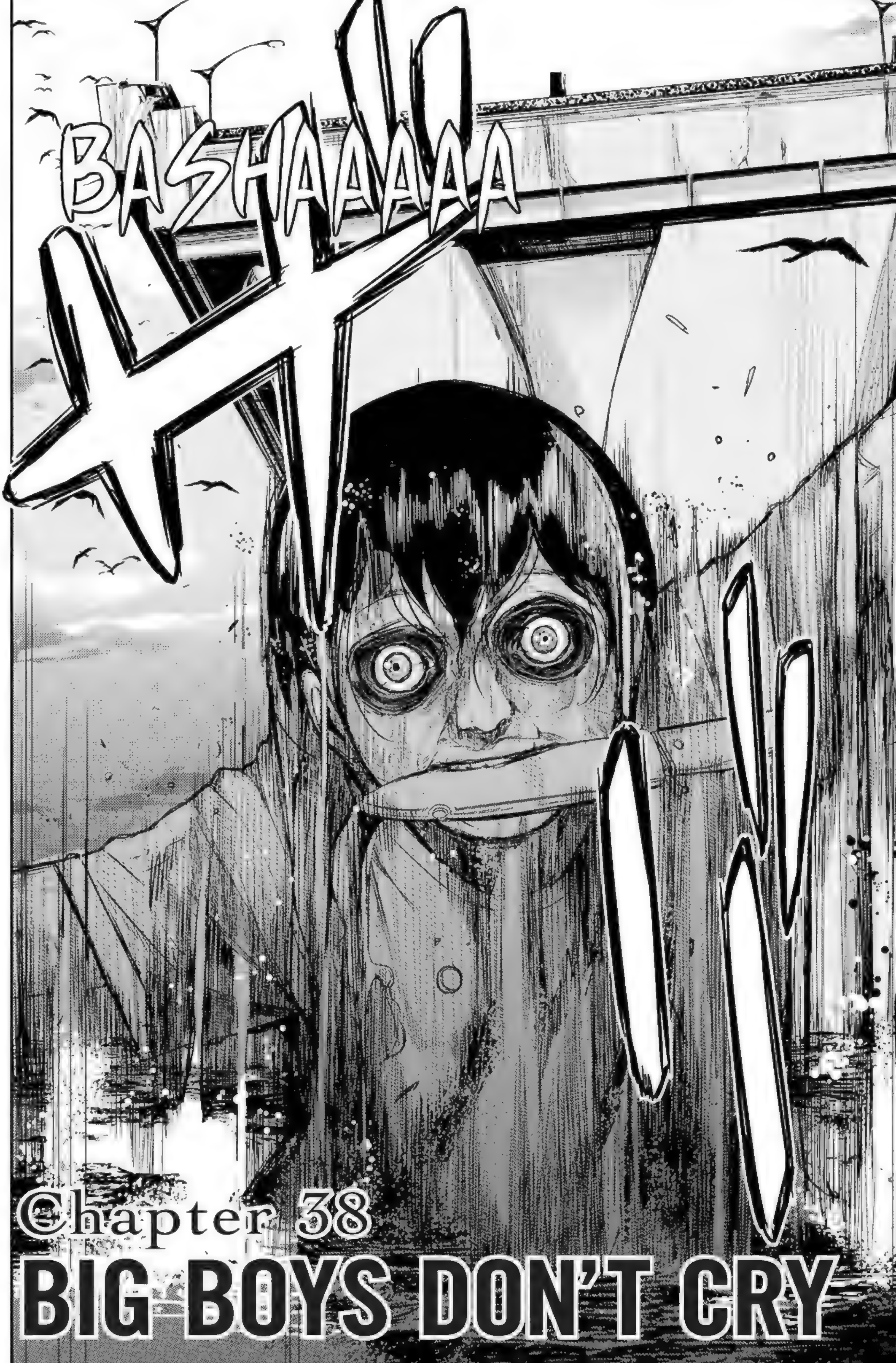

AAAA アァァ
SPLASH ずぶっ
ずぶっ SPLASH
AAAA ァ
AAAA アァ
SUPAASH ザパァ
ぷかっ BLOOOP
アァァ AAAA
ペタッ SLAP



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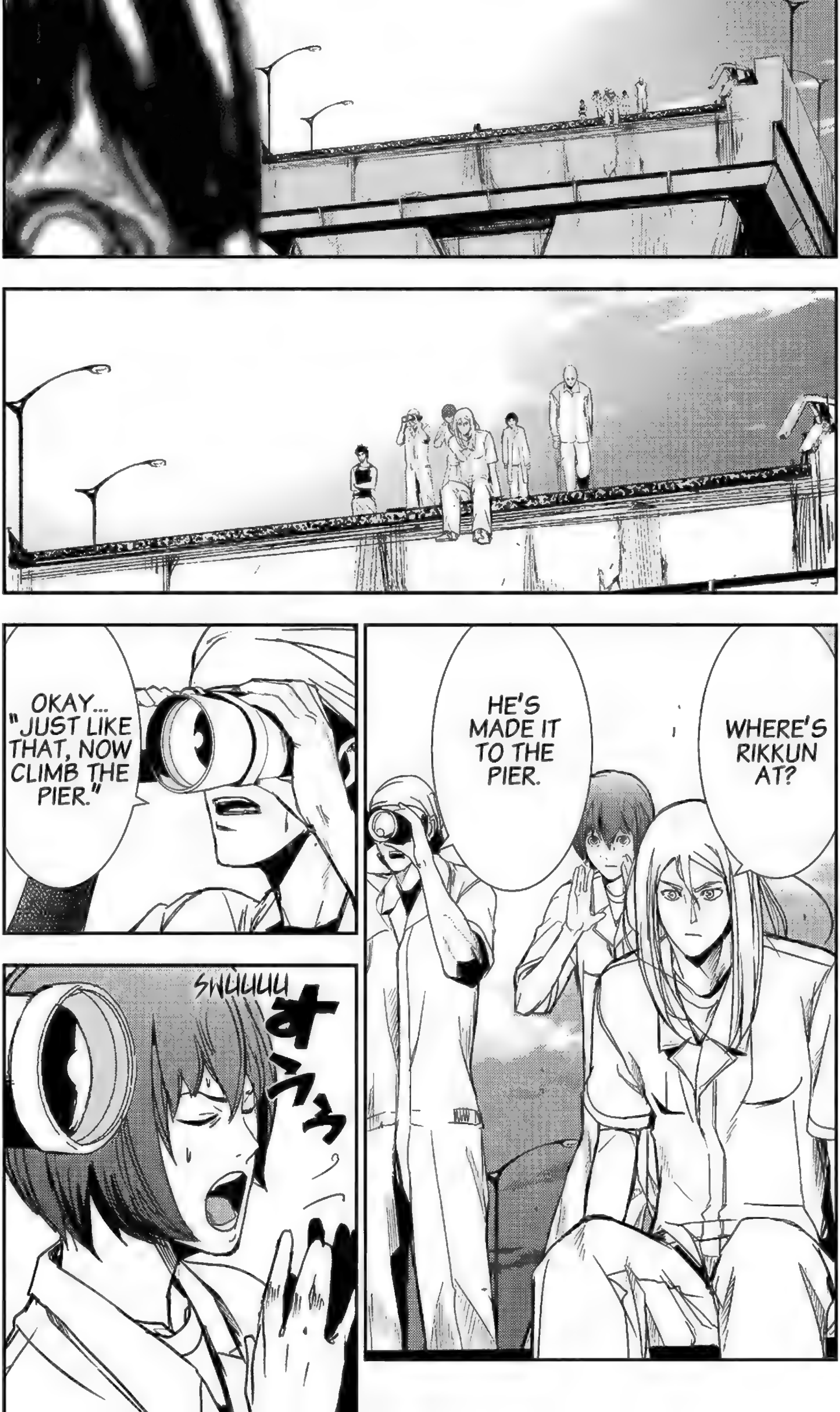
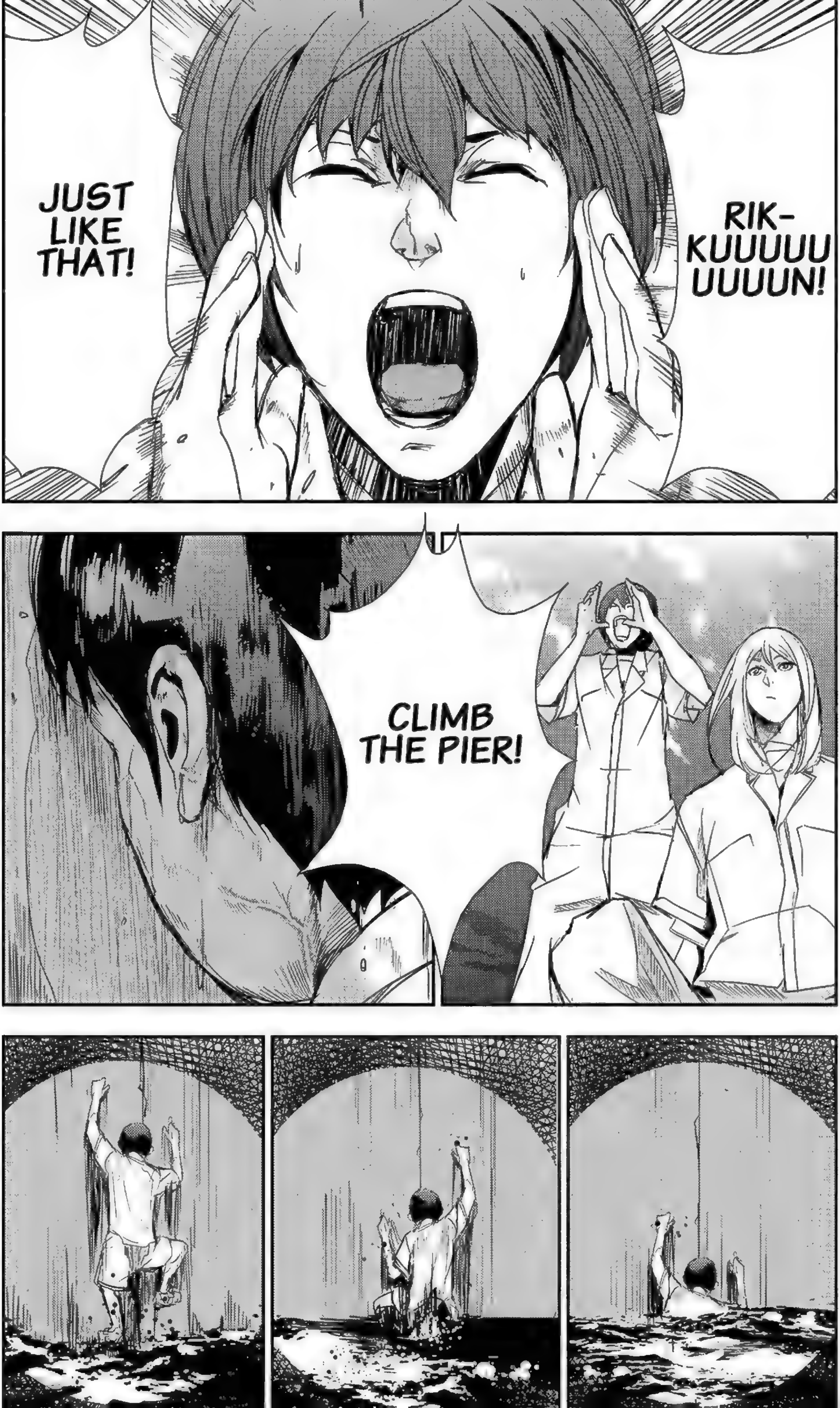
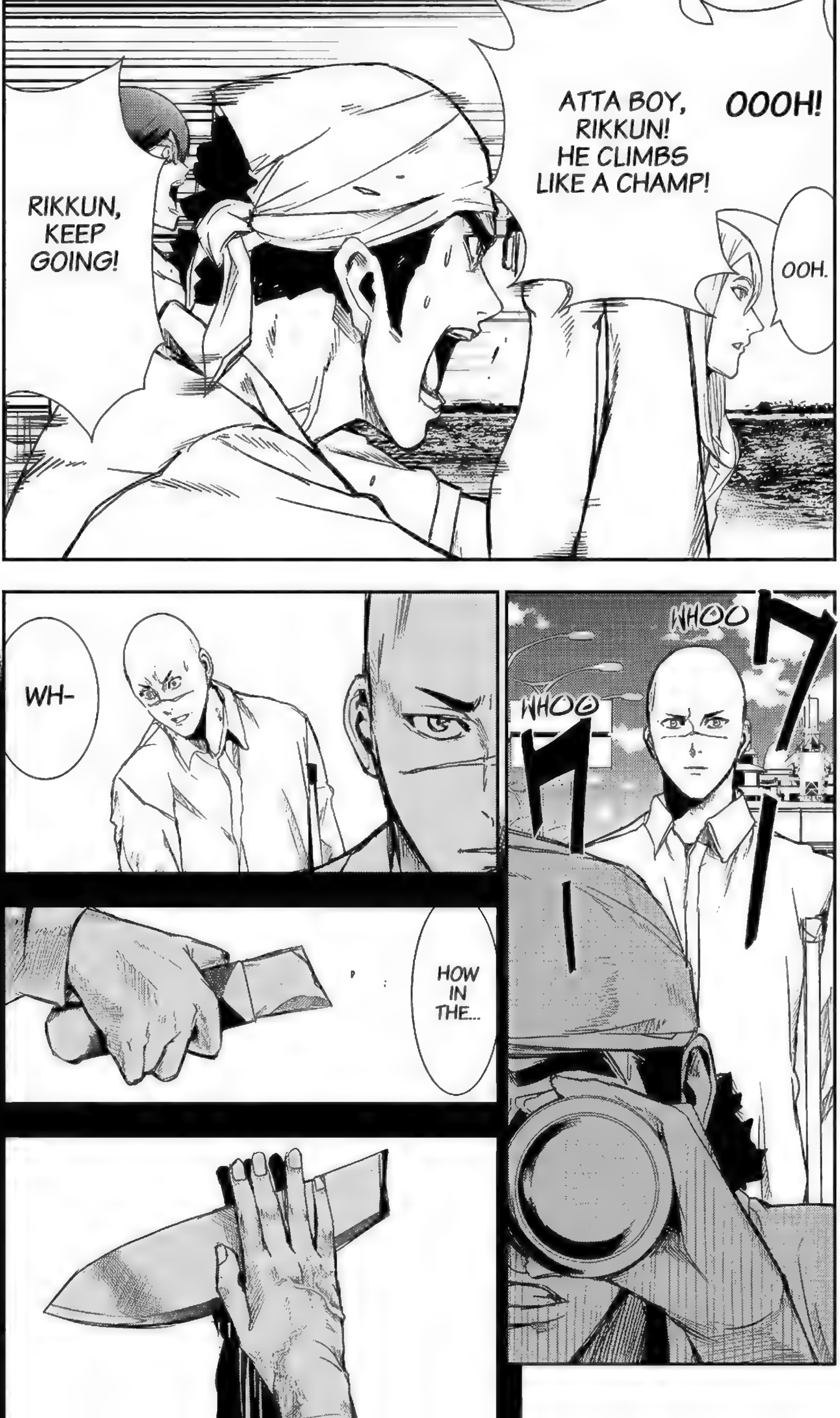
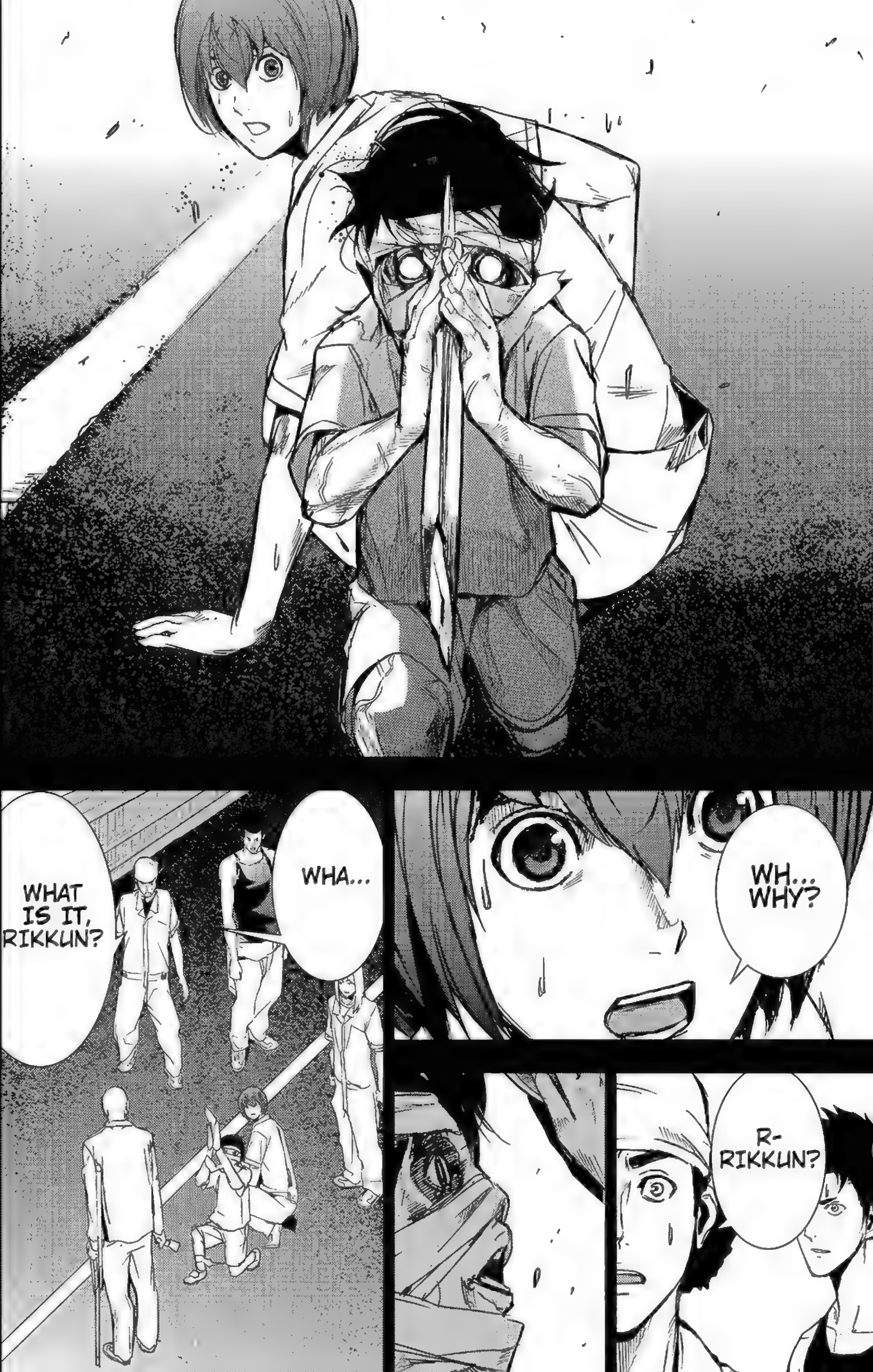
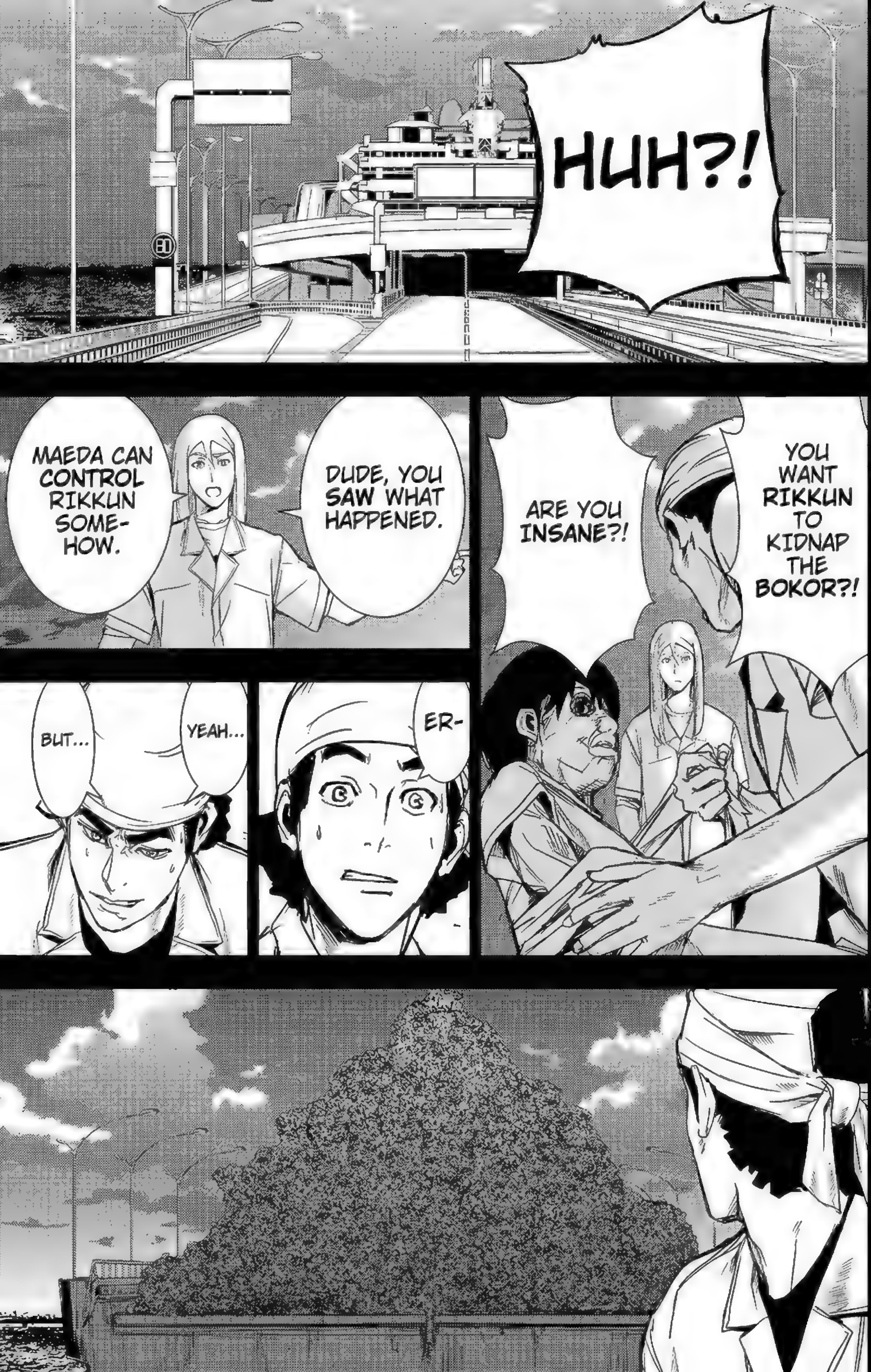
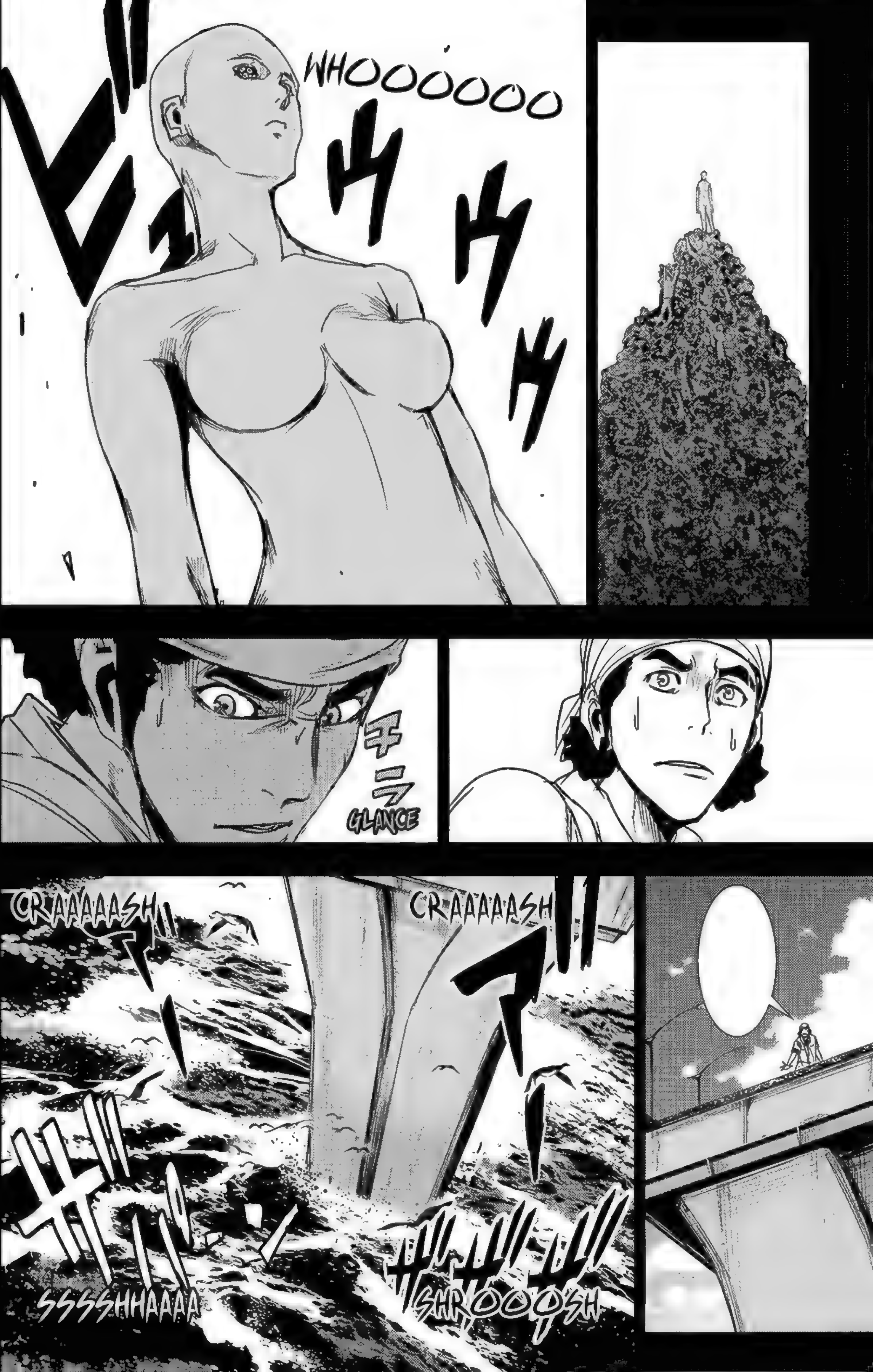

WHERE'S RIKKUN AT?
HE'S MADE IT TO THE PIER.
OKAY... "JUST LIKE THAT, NOW CLIMB THE PIER."
SWUUUU
すうう

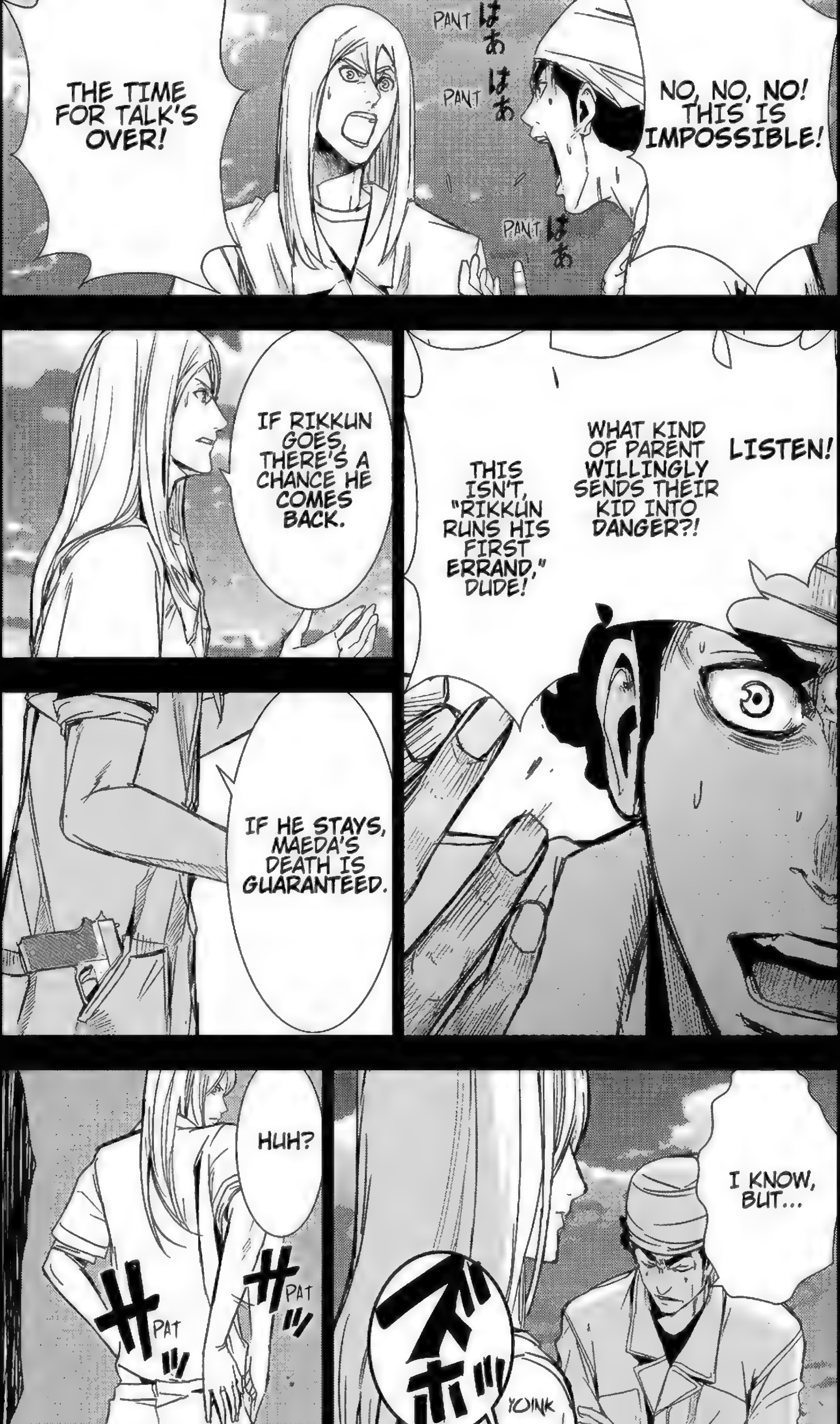

RIK-KUUUUUUUUUUN!
JUST LIKE THAT!
CLIMB THE PIER!


OOOH!
ATTA BOY, RIKKUN! HE CLIMBS LIKE A CHAMP!
OOH.
RIKKUN, KEEP GOING!
WHOO
WHOO
WH-
HOW IN THE...


WH... WHY?
R- RIKKUN?
WHA...
WHAT IS IT, RIKKUN?


HUH?!
YOU WANT RIKKUN TO KIDNAP THE BOKOR?!
ARE YOU INSANE?!
DUDE, YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED.
MAEDA CAN CONTROL RIKKUN SOMEHOW.
ER-
YEAH...
BUT...


WHOOOOOO
ビュウウウウ
チラ
GLANCE
CRAAAAASH
CRAAAAASH
SSSSHHAAAA
SHROOOOSH


NO, NO, NO! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
はあ PANT
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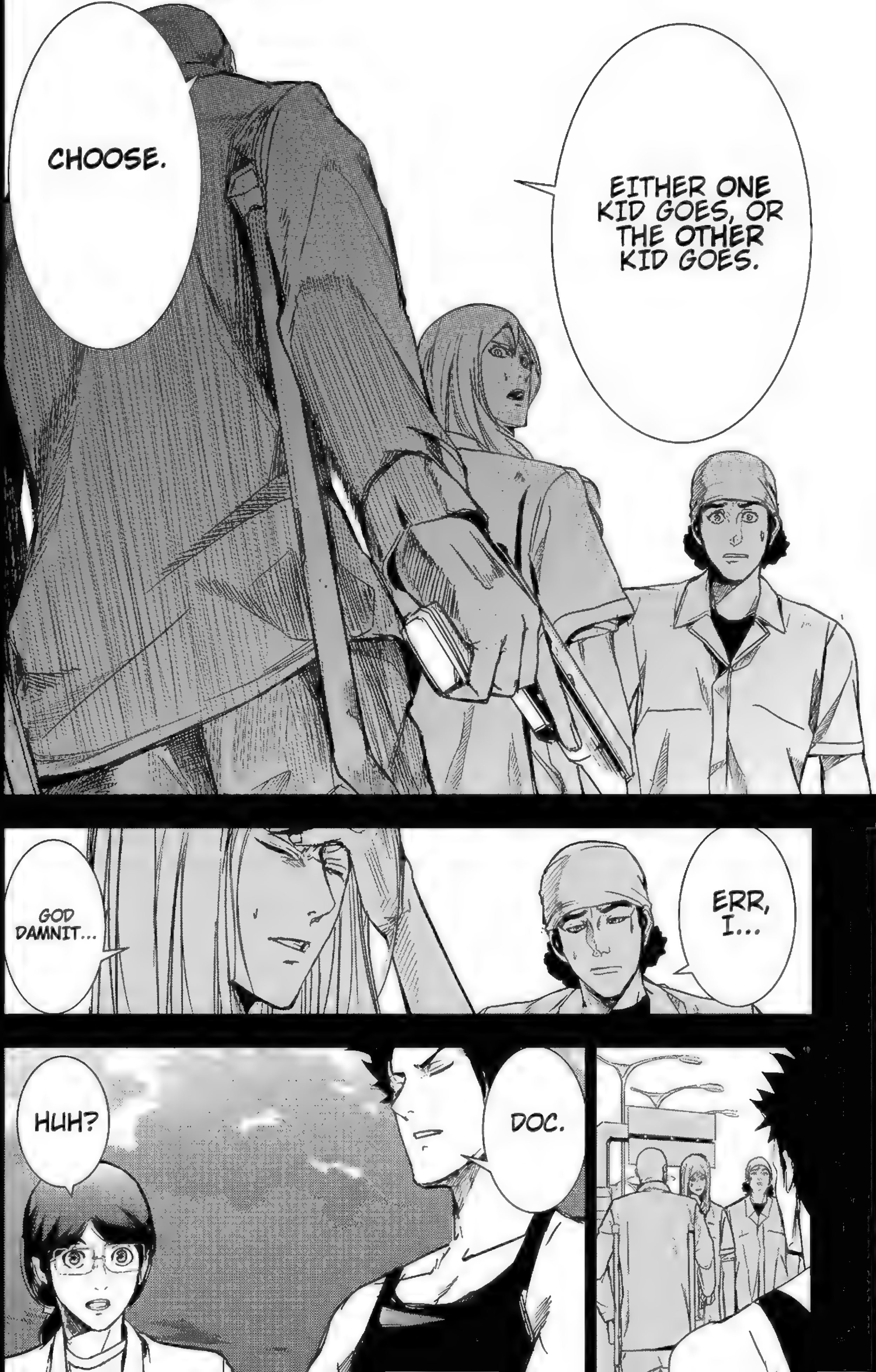
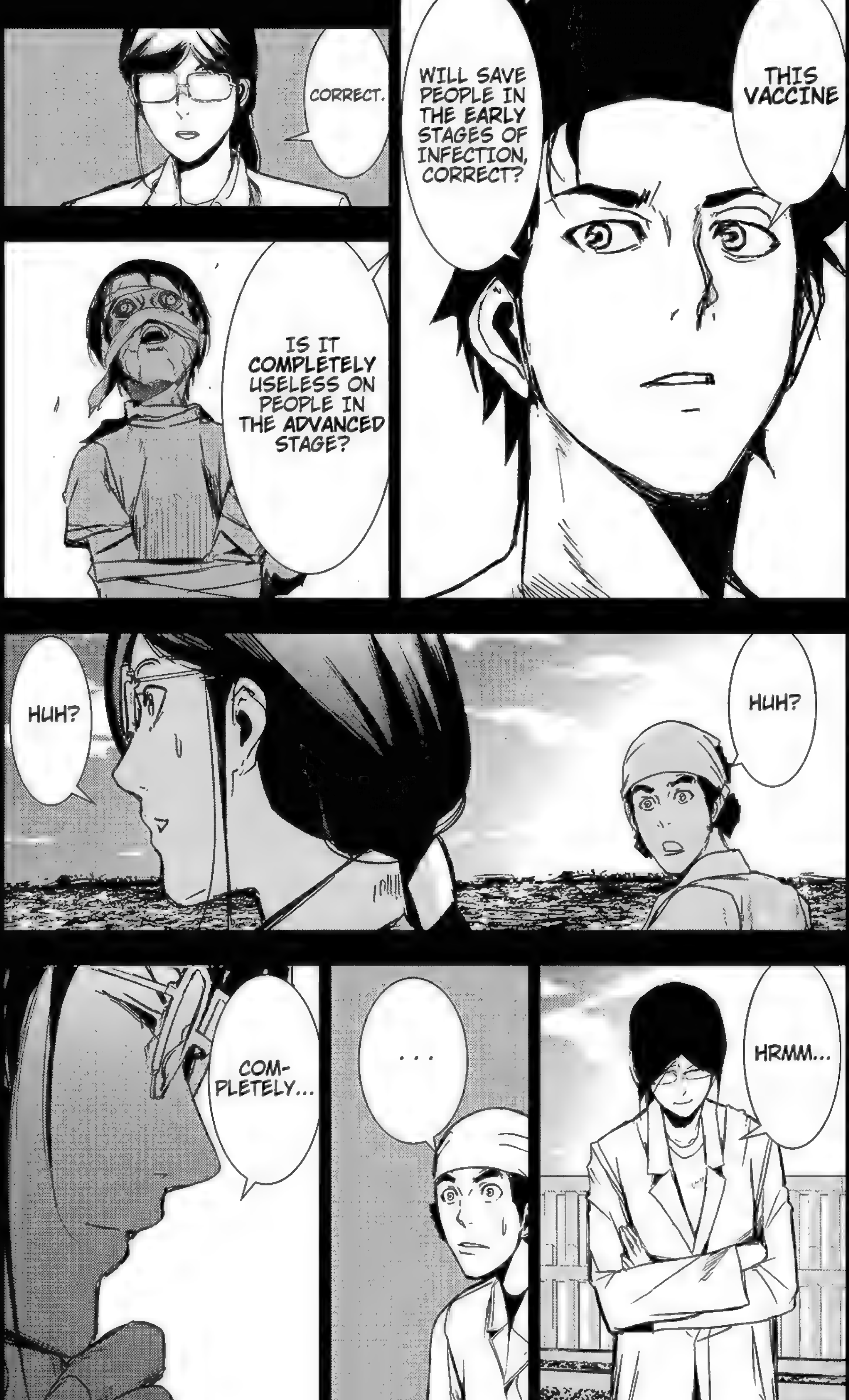
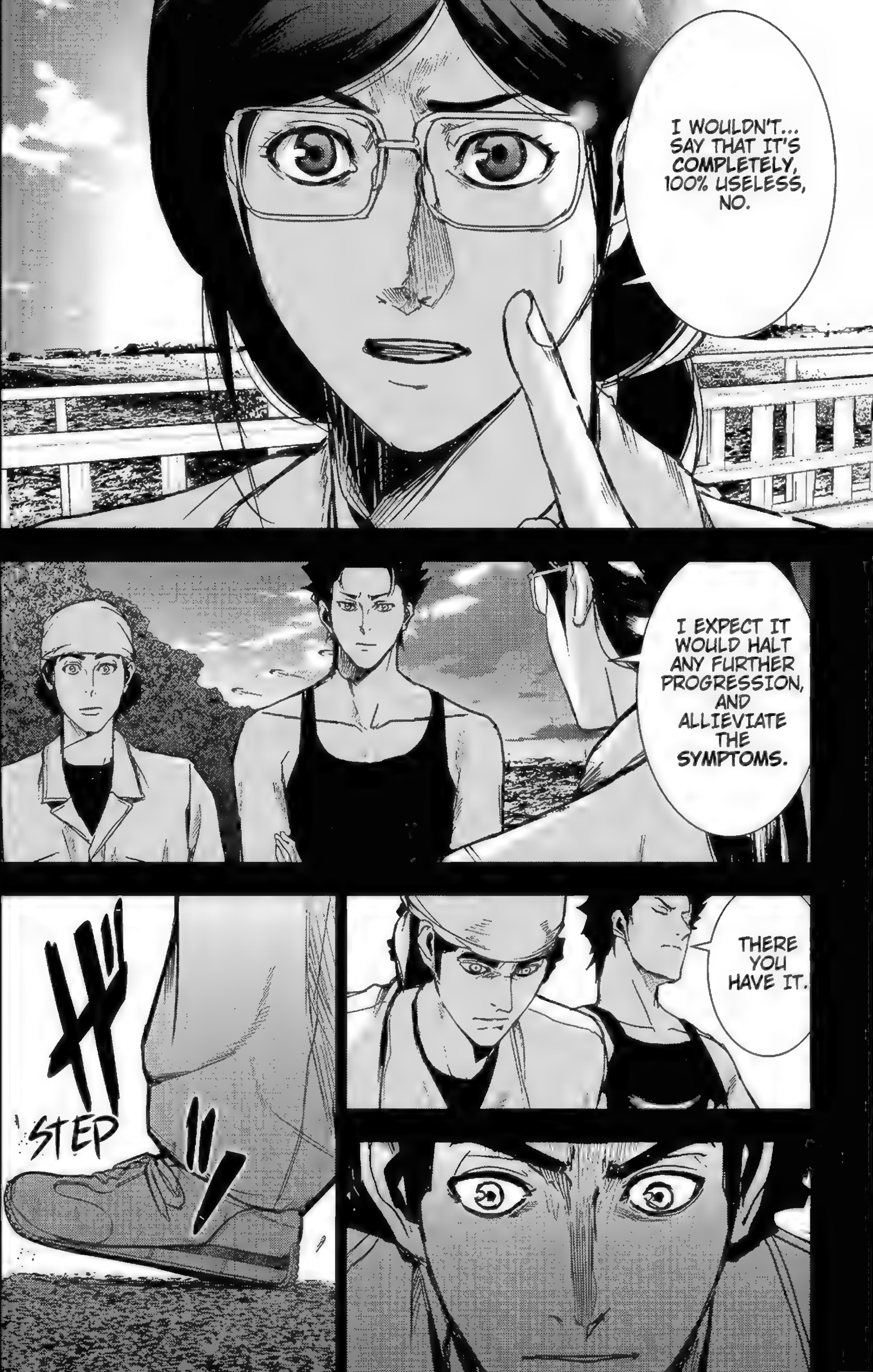
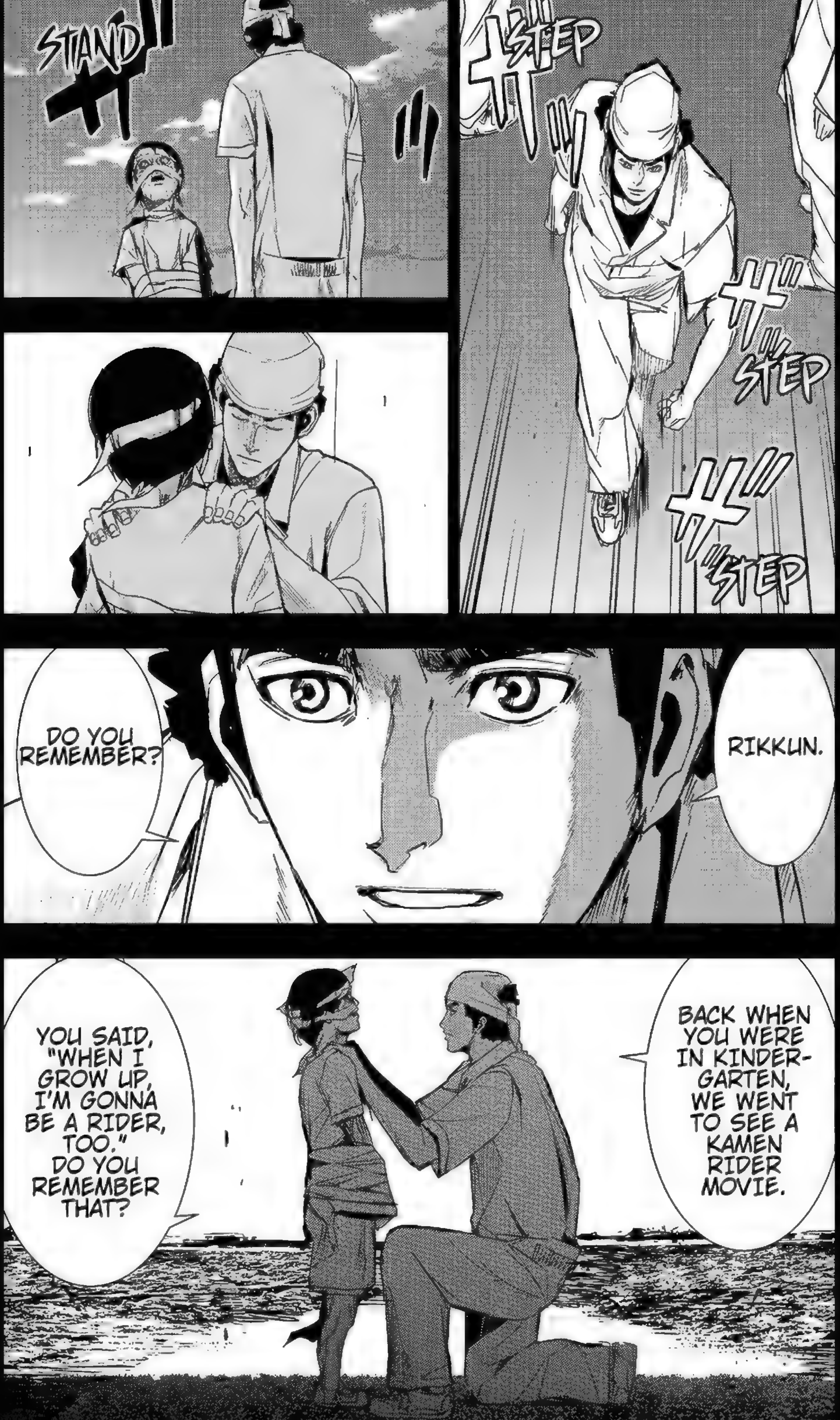
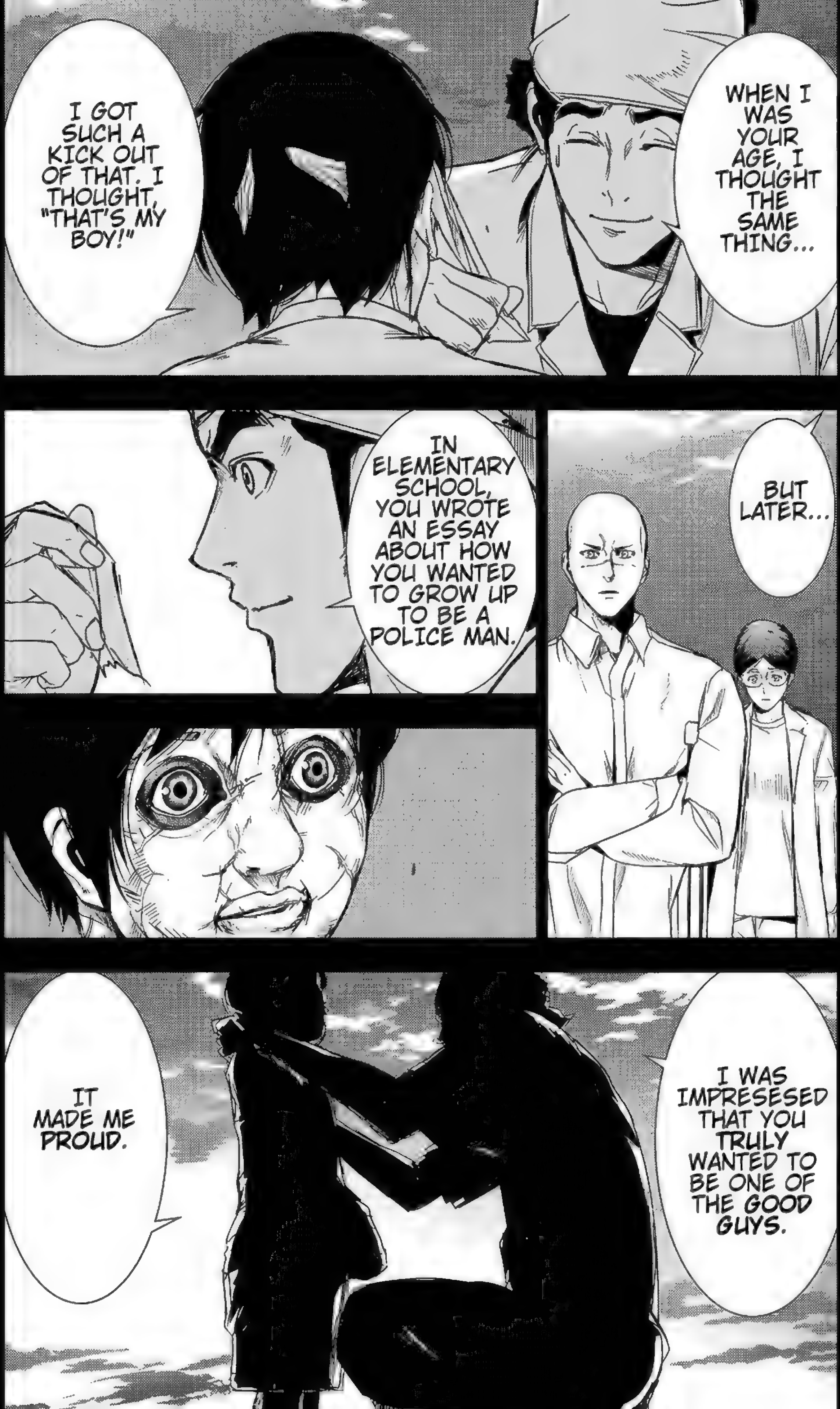
THE TIME FOR TALK'S OVER!
LISTEN!
WHAT KIND OF PARENT WILLINGLY SENDS THEIR KID INTO DANGER?!
THIS ISN'T, "RIKKUN RUNS HIS FIRST ERRAND," DUDE!
IF RIKKUN GOES, THERE'S A CHANCE HE COMES BACK.
IF HE STAYS, MAEDA'S DEATH IS GUARANTEED.
I KNOW, BUT...
ズボッ YOINK
HUH?
ザッ PAT
ザッ PAT

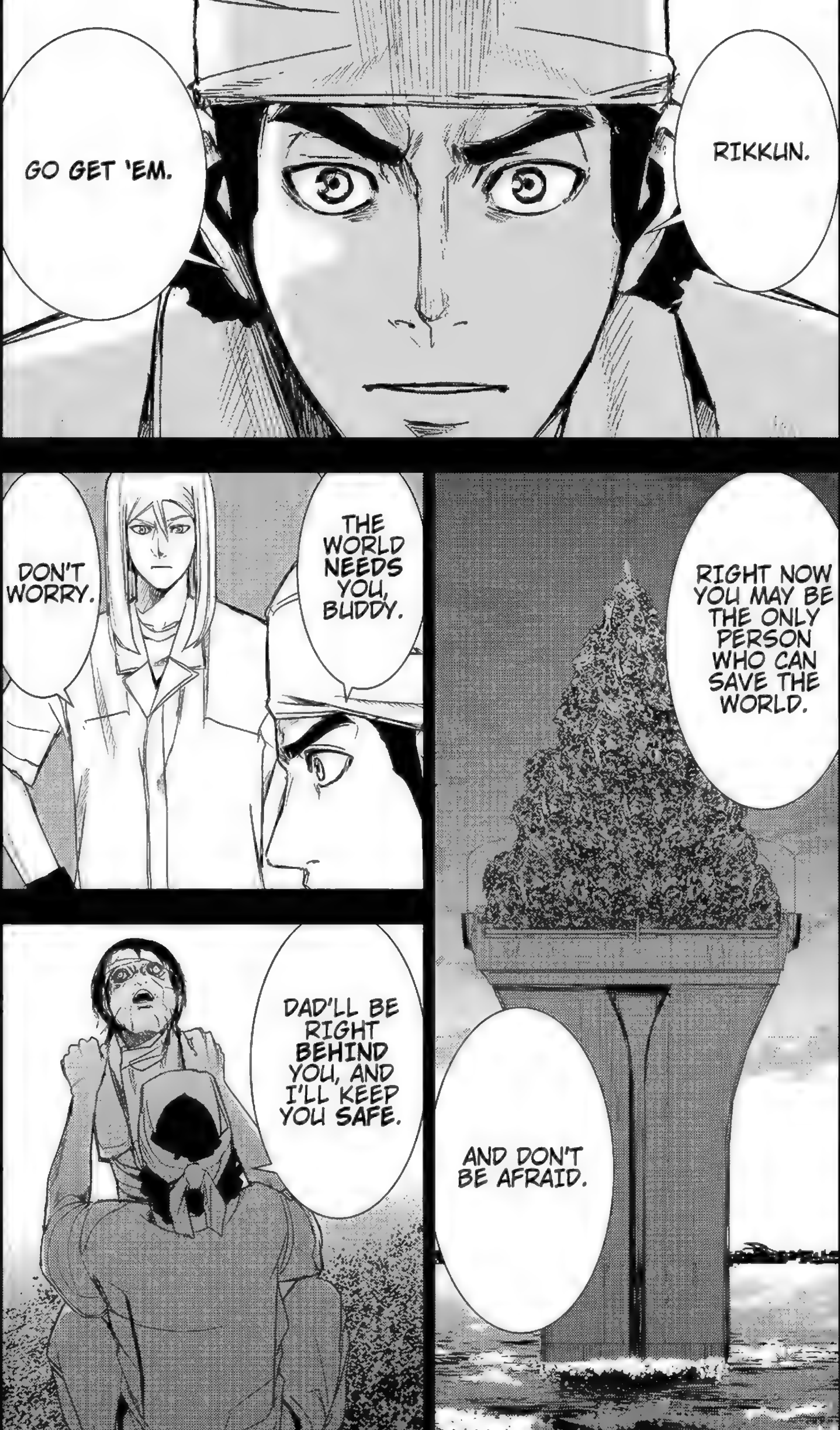

EITHER ONE KID GOES, OR THE OTHER KID GOES.
CHOOSE.
ERR, I...
GOD DAMNIT...
DOC.
HUH?

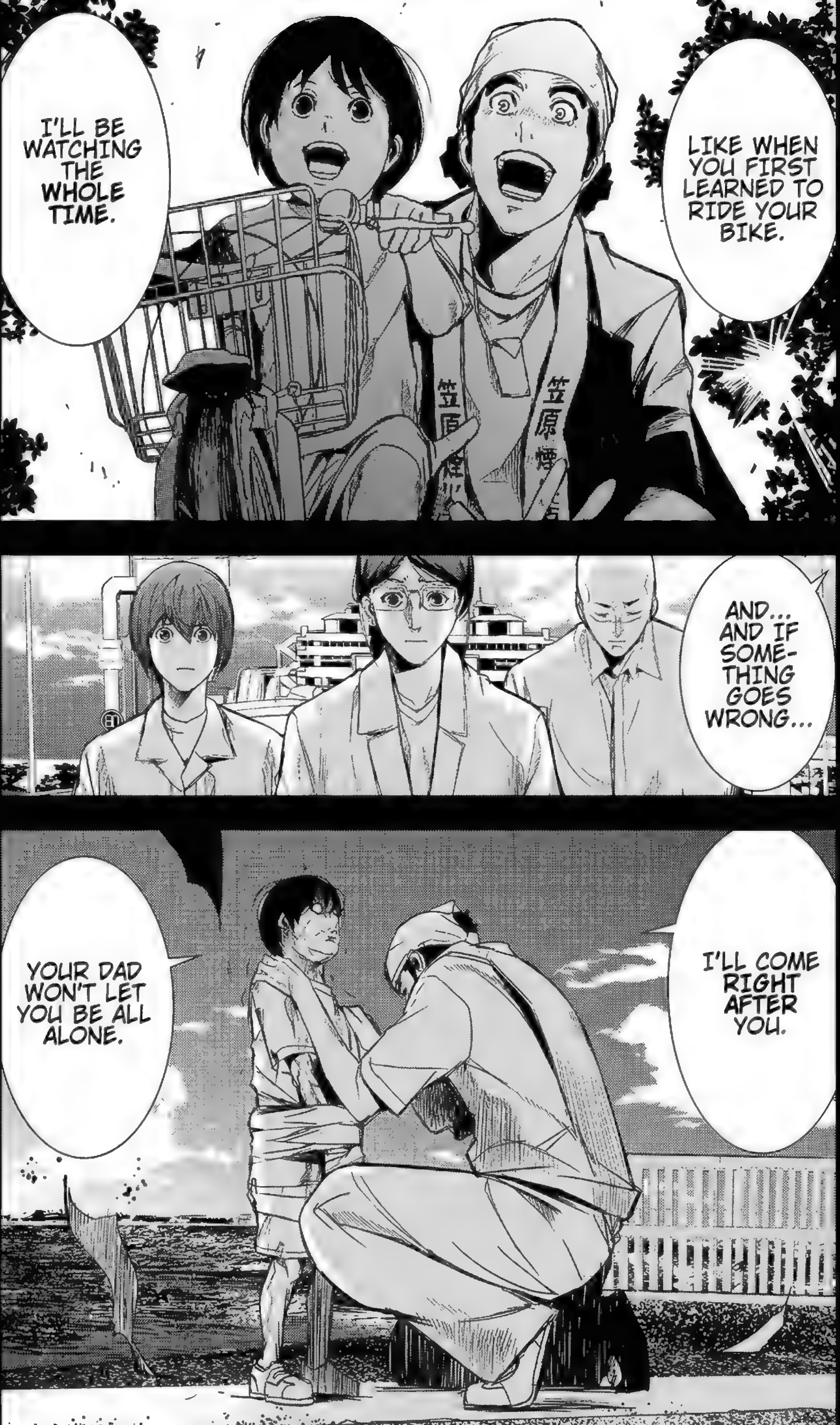

THIS VACCINE
WILL SAVE PEOPLE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF INFECTION, CORRECT?
CORRECT.
IS IT COMPLETELY USELESS ON PEOPLE IN THE ADVANCED STAGE?
HUH?
HUH?
HRMM...
. . .
COMPLETELY...

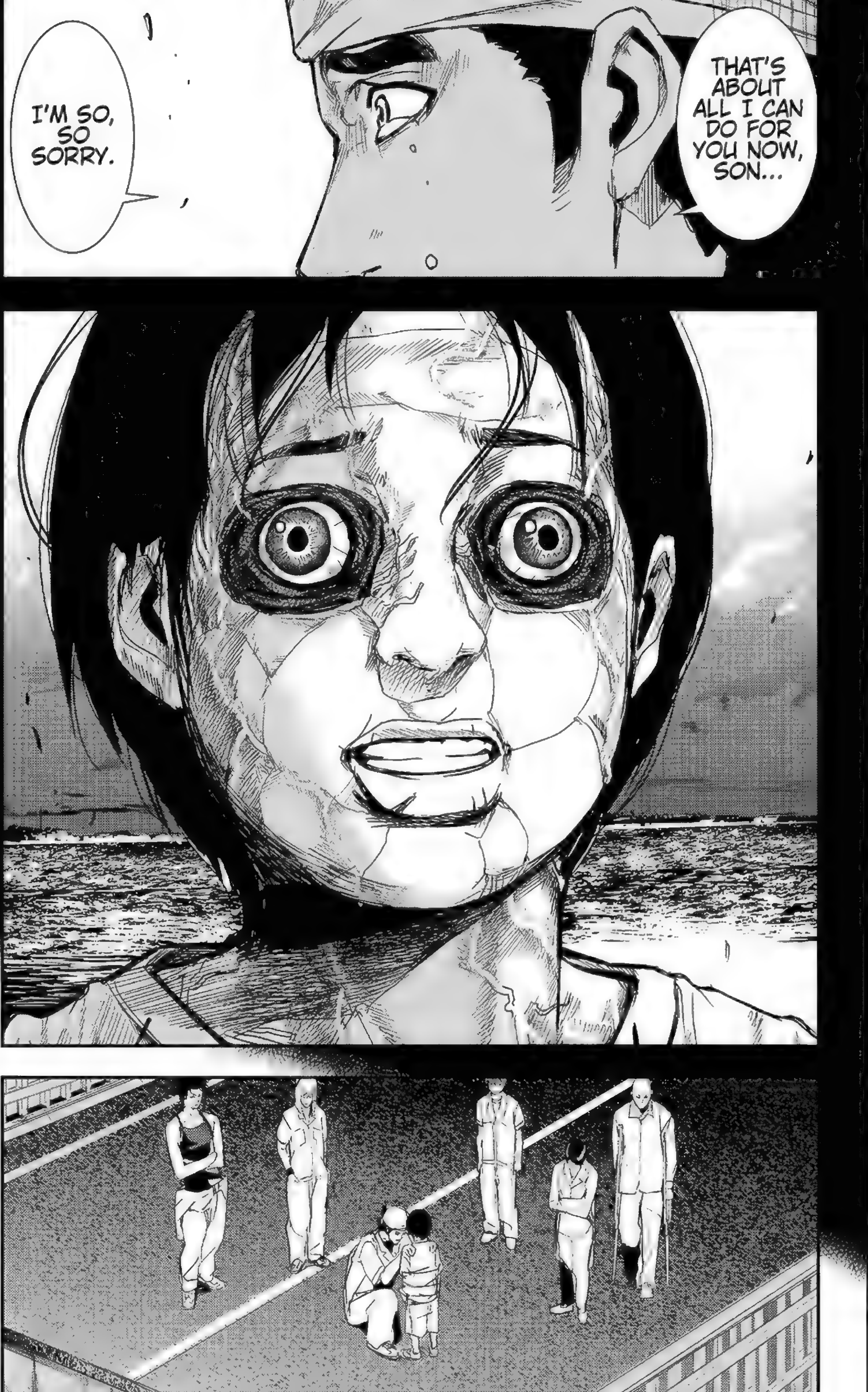

I WOULDN'T... SAY THAT IT'S COMPLETELY, 100% USELESS, NO.
I EXPECT IT WOULD HALT ANY FURTHER PROGRESSION, AND ALLIEVIATE THE SYMPTOMS.
THERE YOU HAVE IT.
STEP

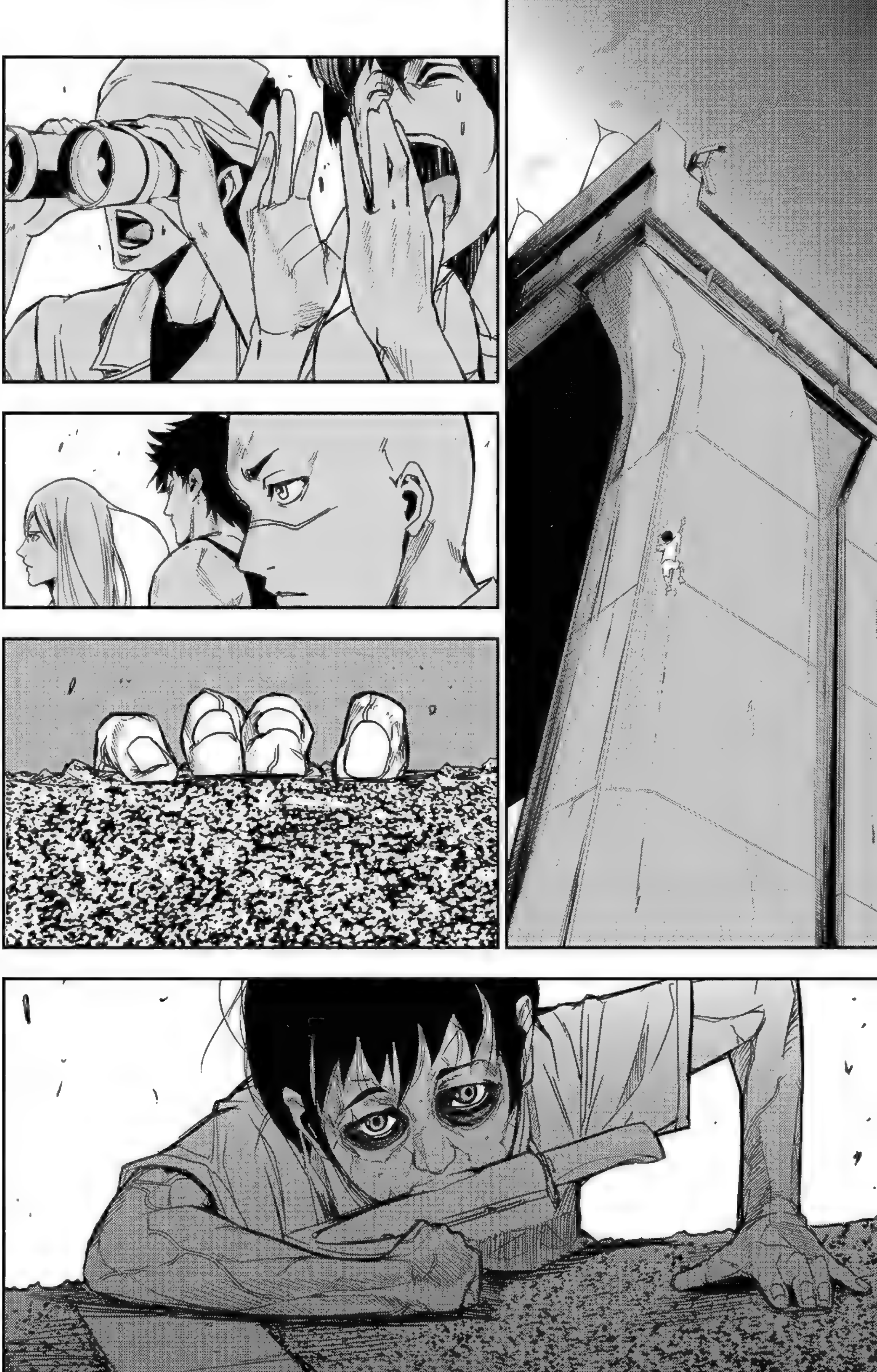

STEP
STEP
STEP
STAND
RIKKUN.
DO YOU REMEMBER?
BACK WHEN YOU WERE IN KINDERGARTEN, WE WENT TO SEE A KAMEN RIDER MOVIE.
YOU SAID, "WHEN I GROW UP, I'M GONNA BE A RIDER, TOO." DO YOU REMEMBER THAT?

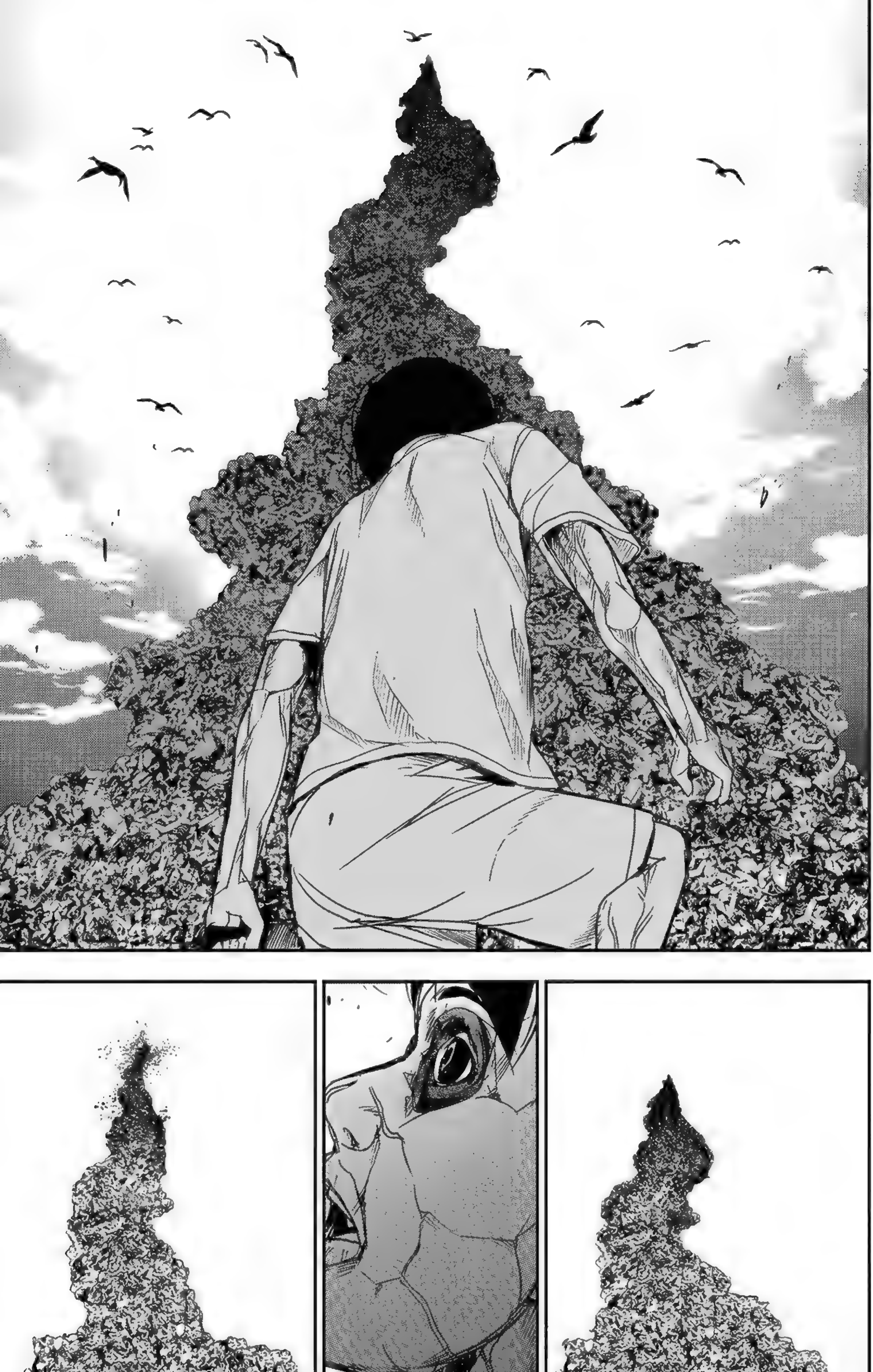

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I THOUGHT THE SAME THING...
I GOT SUCH A KICK OUT OF THAT. I THOUGHT, "THAT'S MY BOY!"
BUT LATER...
IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, YOU WROTE AN ESSAY ABOUT HOW YOU WANTED TO GROW UP TO BE A POLICE MAN.
I WAS IMPRESESED THAT YOU TRULY WANTED TO BE ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS.
IT MADE ME PROUD.

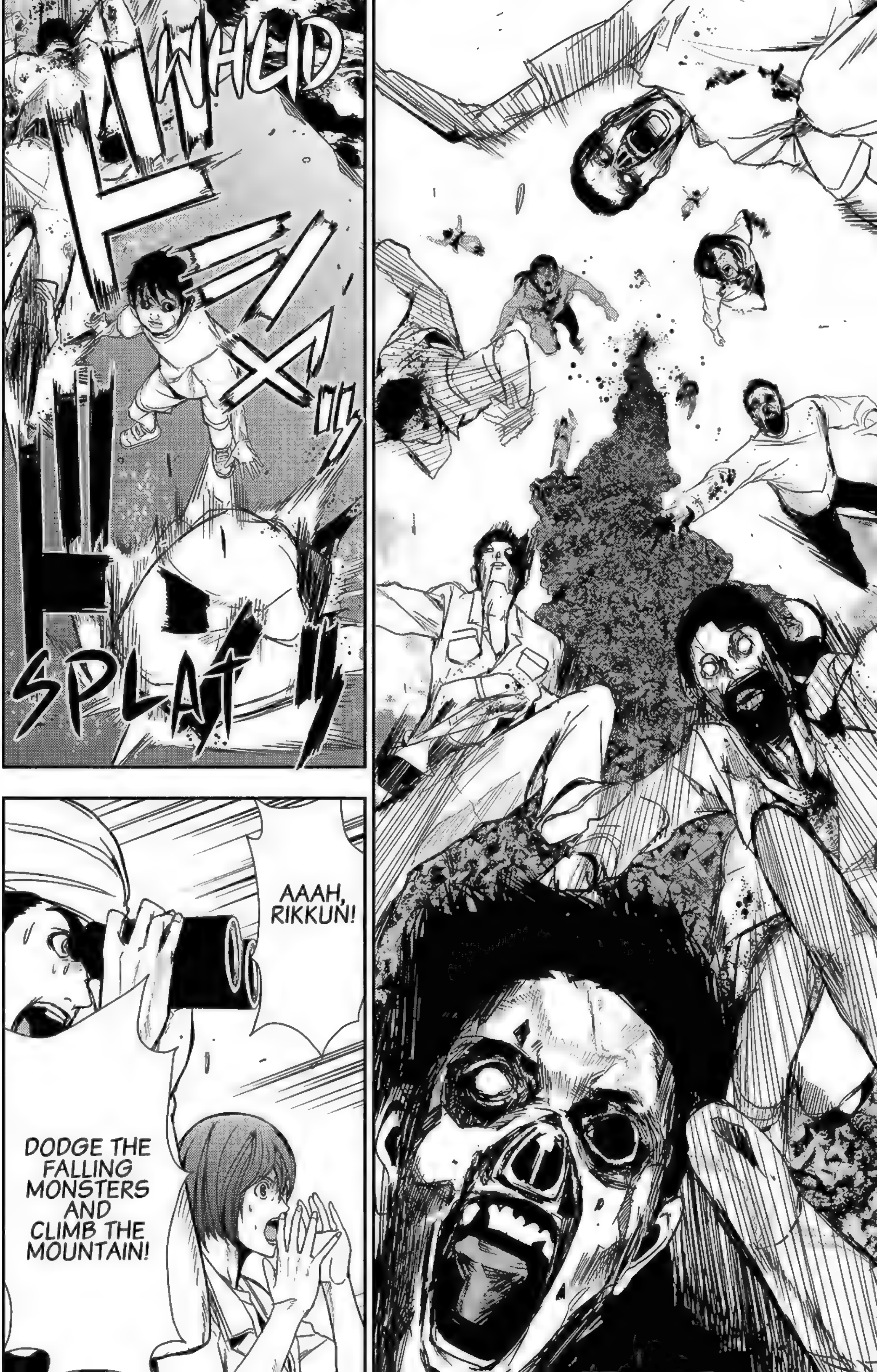

RIKKUN.
GO GET 'EM.
RIGHT NOW YOU MAY BE THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN SAVE THE WORLD.
THE WORLD NEEDS YOU, BUDDY.
DON'T WORRY.
DAD'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU, AND I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE.
AND DON'T BE AFRAID.

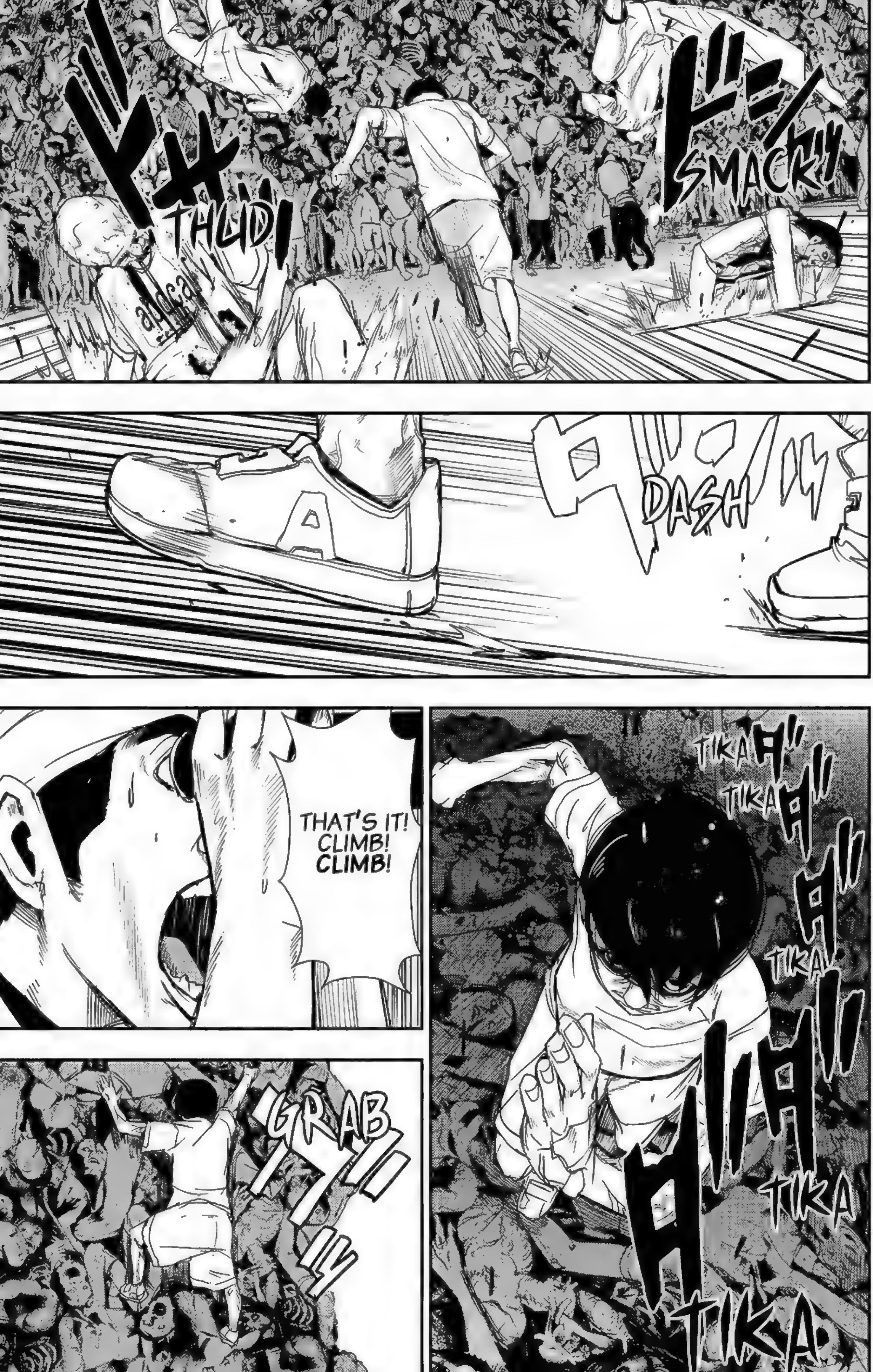

LIKE WHEN YOU FIRST LEARNED TO RIDE YOUR BIKE.
I'LL BE WATCHING THE WHOLE TIME.
笠原煙火
AND... AND IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG...
I'LL COME RIGHT AFTER YOU.
YOUR DAD WON'T LET YOU BE ALL ALONE.

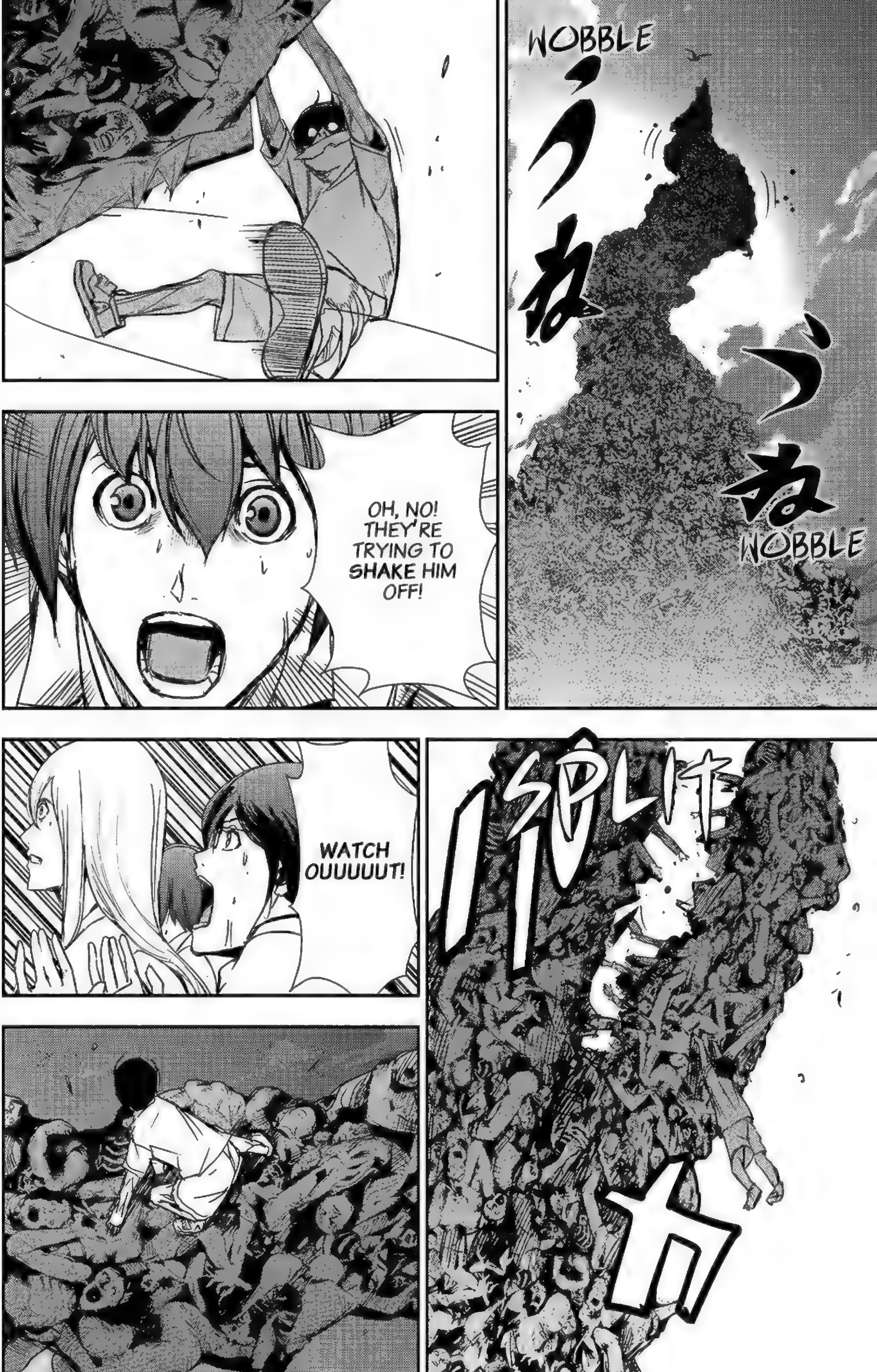

THAT'S ABOUT ALL I CAN DO FOR YOU NOW, SON...
I'M SO, SO SORRY.

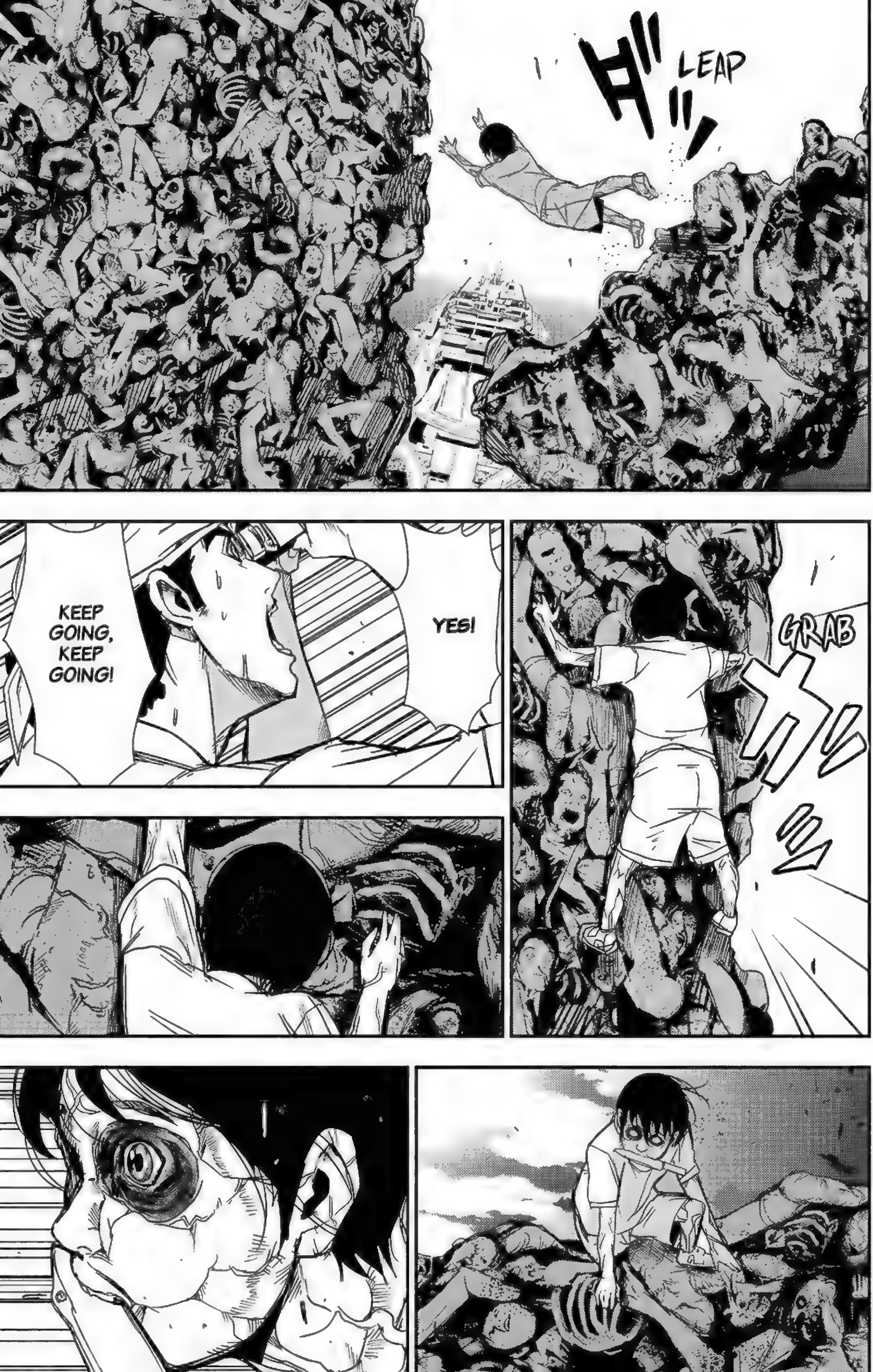


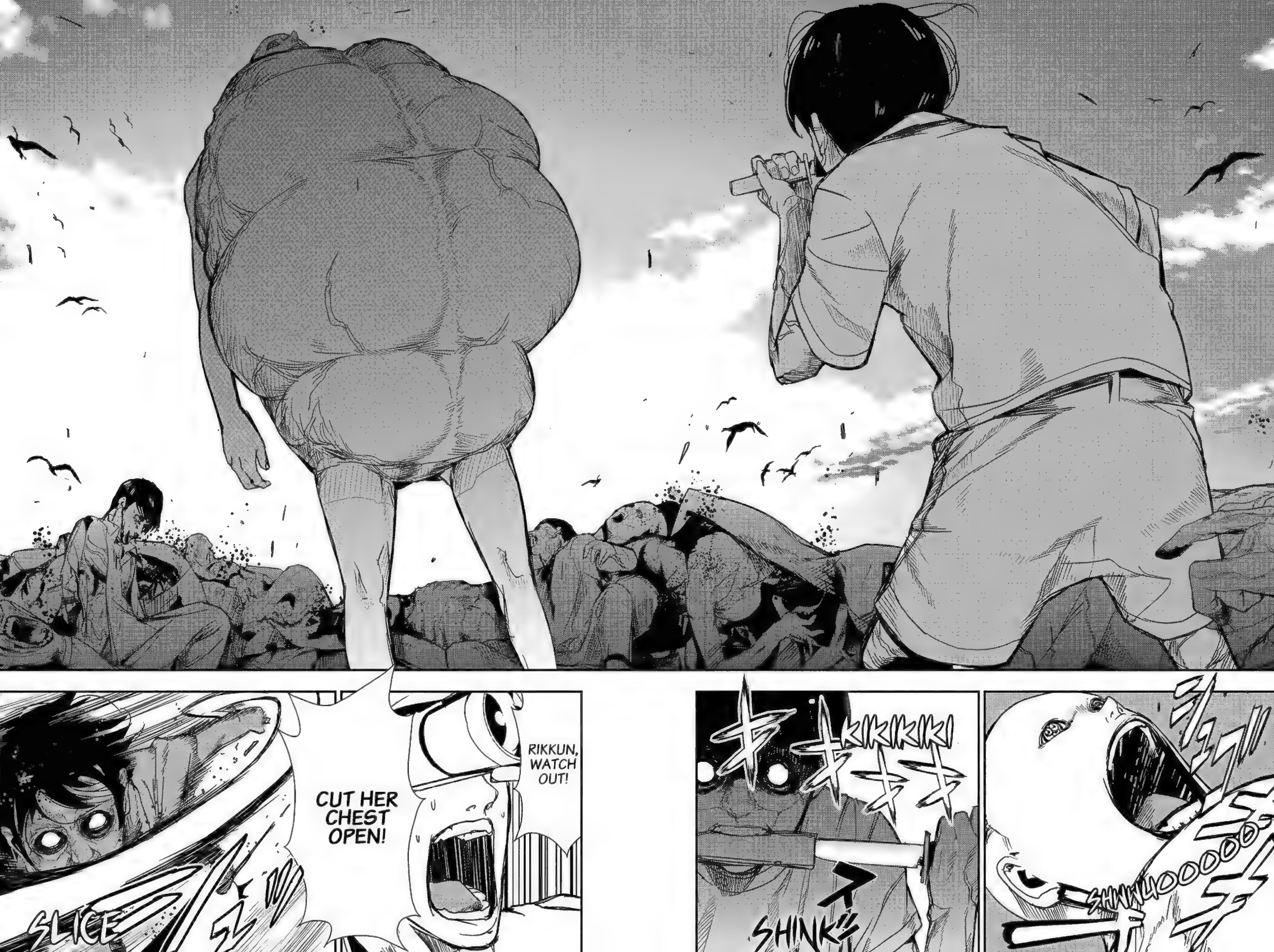


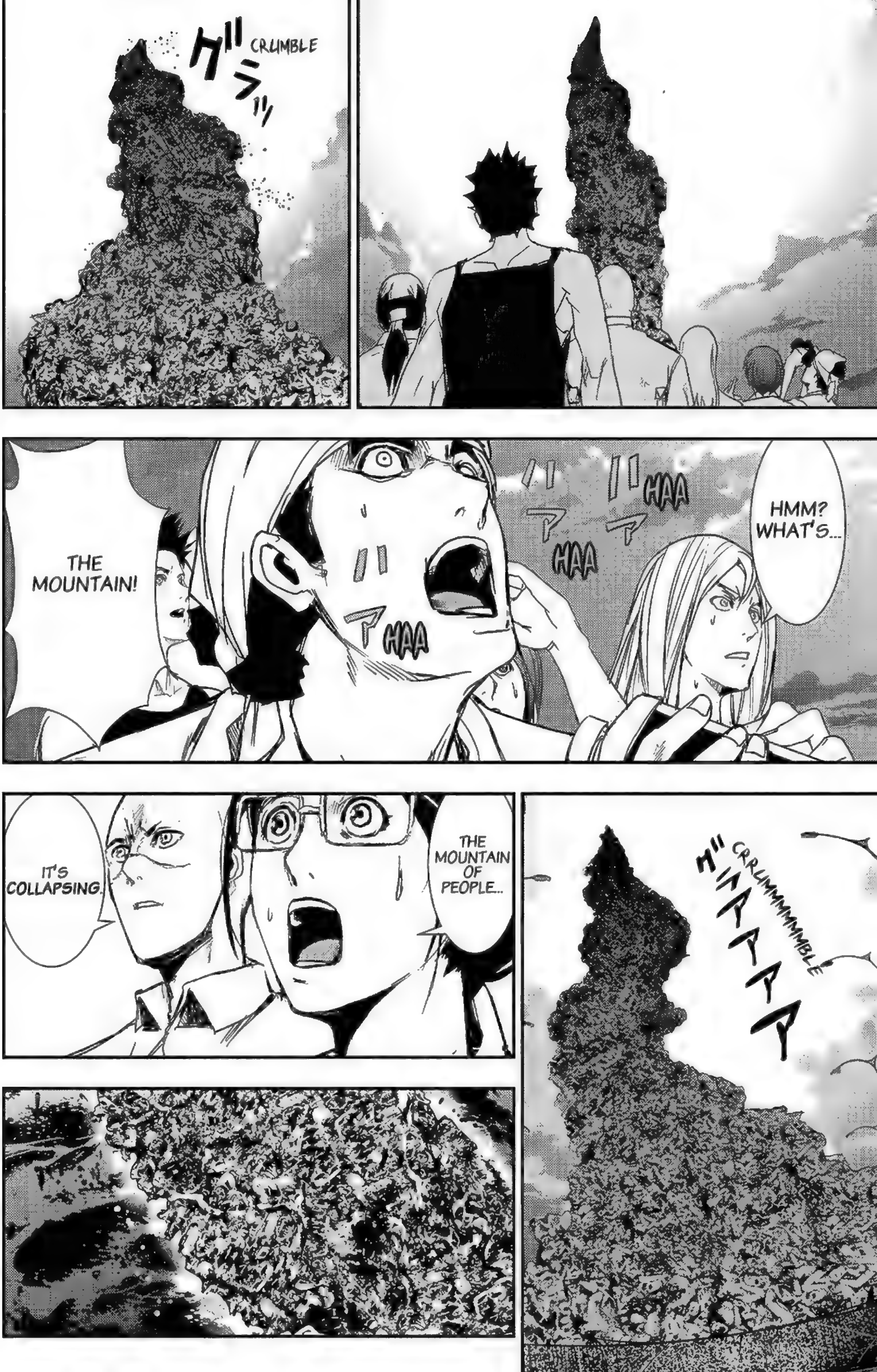

WHUD
SPLAT
AAAH, RIKKUN!
DODGE THE FALLING MONSTERS AND CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN!

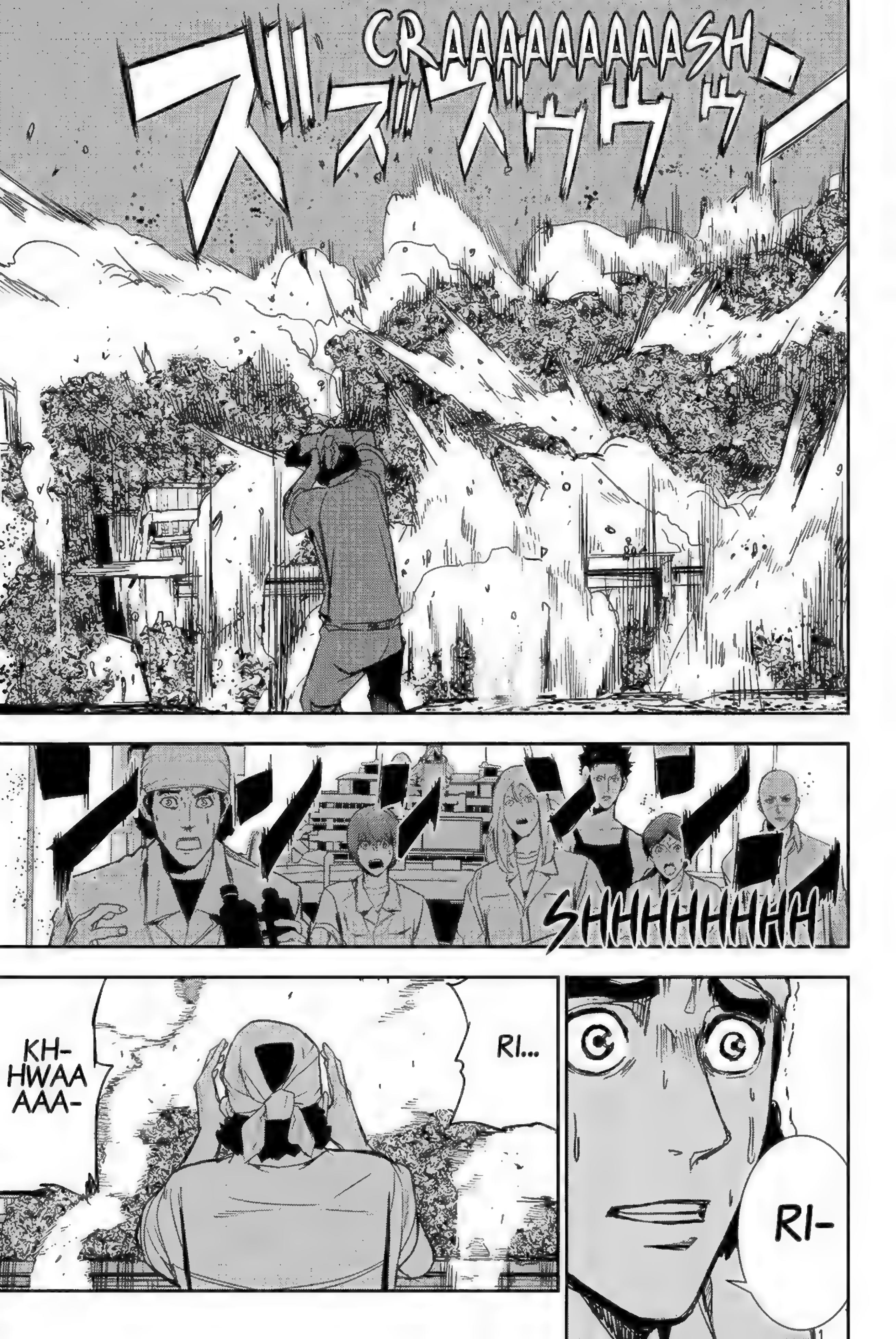

SMACK!
THUD
DASH
TIKA
TIKA
TIKA
TIKA
TIKA
THAT'S IT! CLIMB! CLIMB!
GRAB

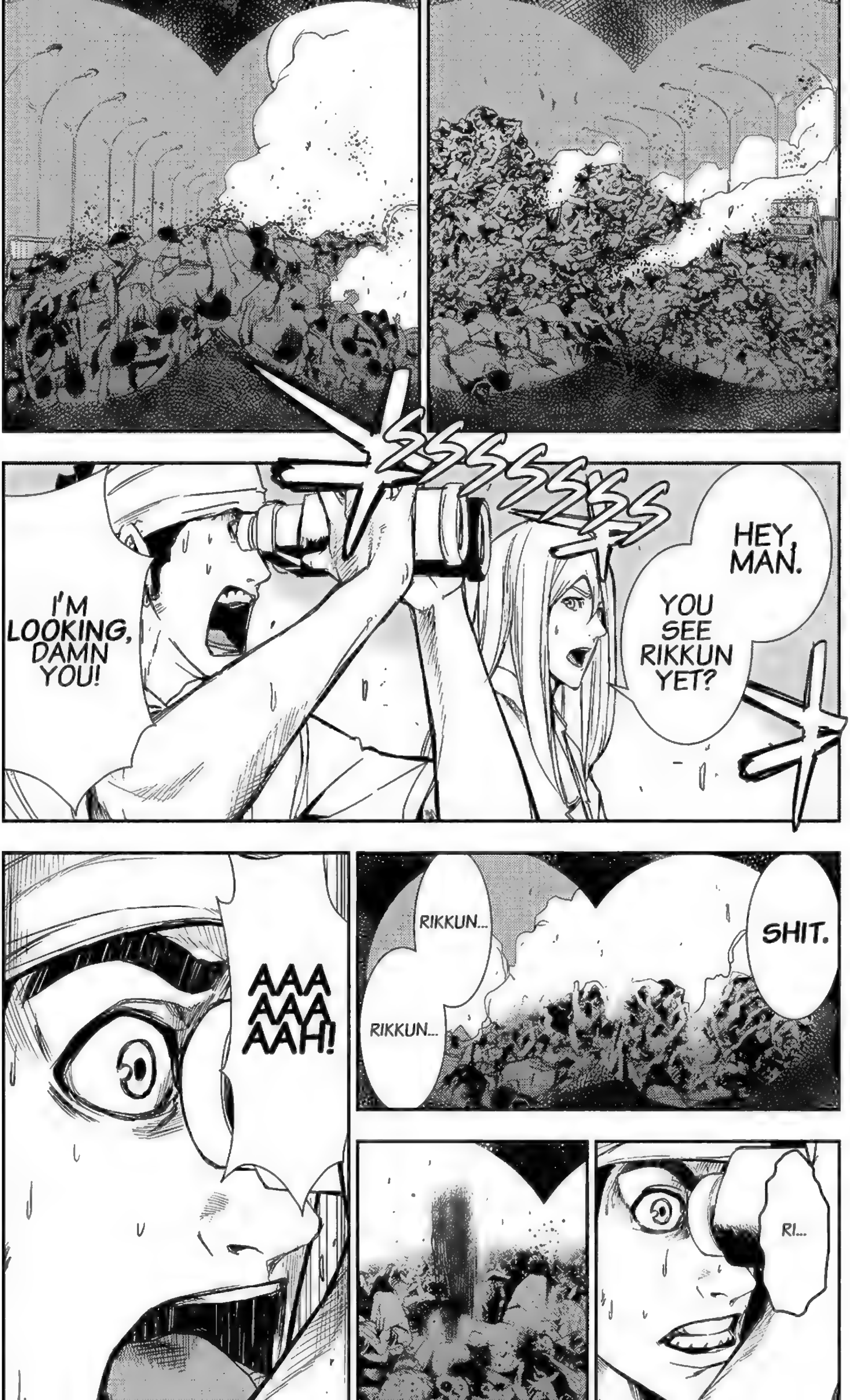

WOBBLE
うね
うね
WOBBLE
OH, NO! THEY'RE TRYING TO SHAKE HIM OFF!
SPLIT
カ
WATCH OUUUUUT!

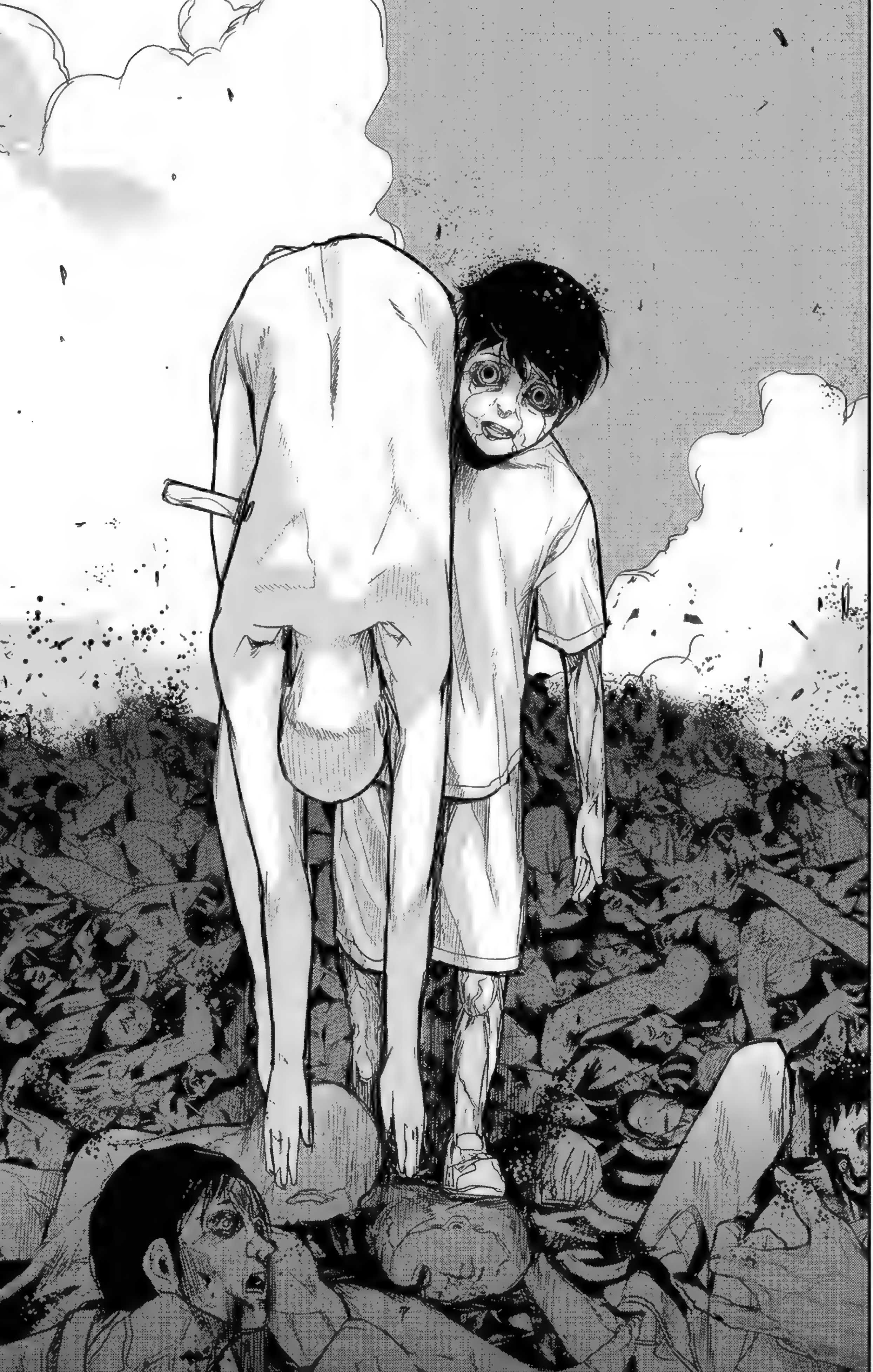

LEAP
GRAB
YES!
KEEP GOING, KEEP GOING!

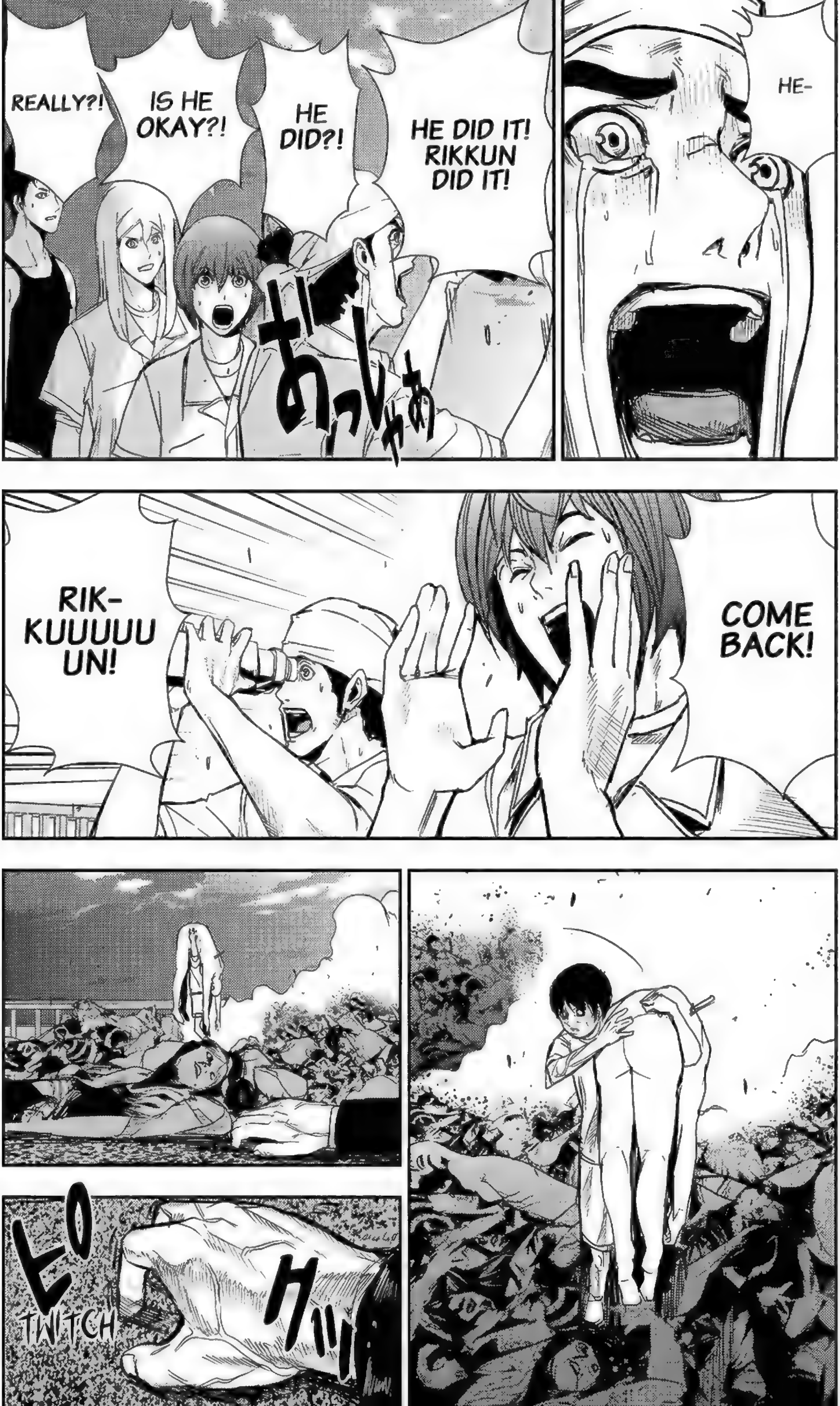

SHWWOOOOOOO
KIKIKIKI
SHINK
RIKKUN, WATCH OUT!
CUT HER CHEST OPEN!
SLICE

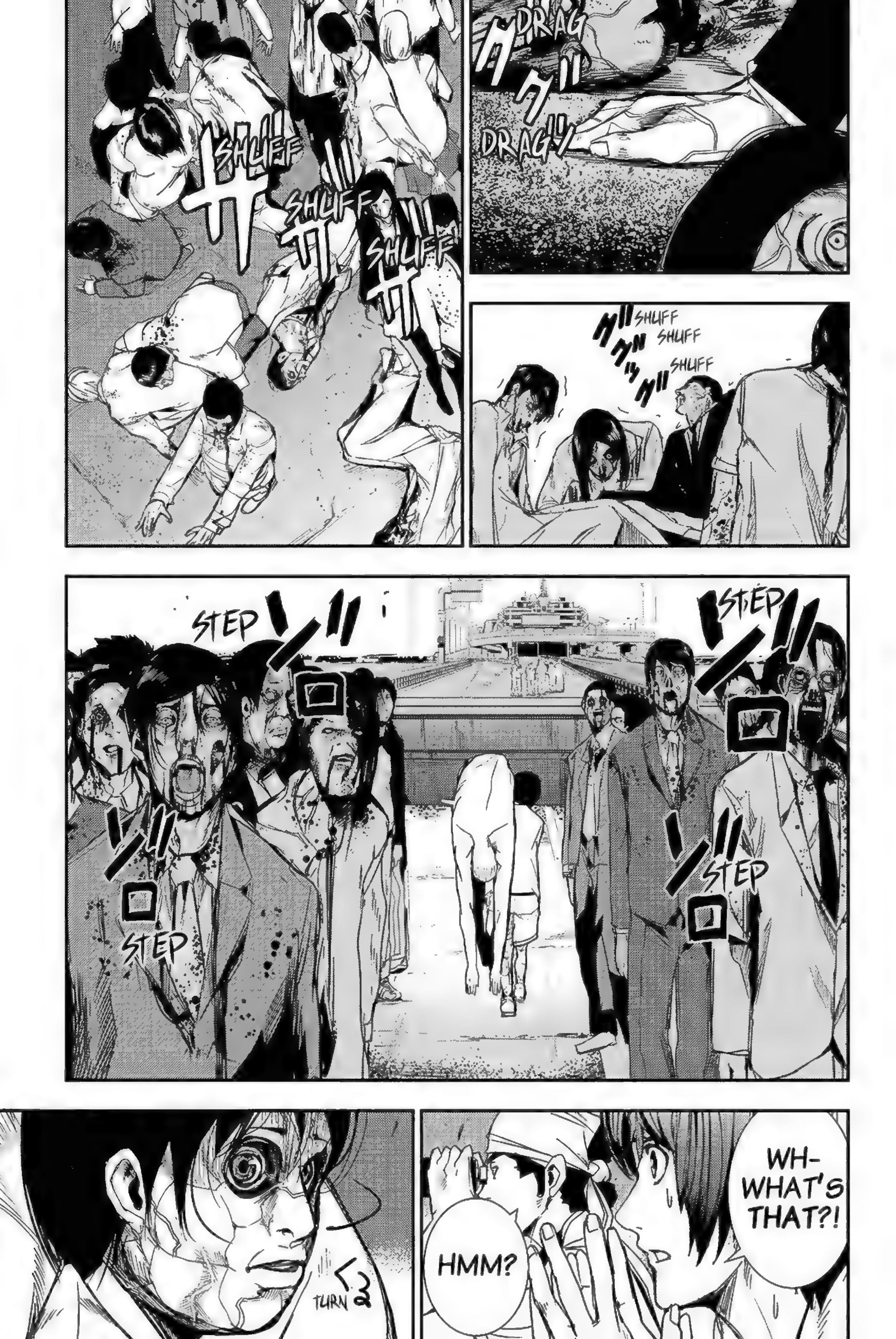

グラッ
CRUMBLE
HMM? WHAT'S...
ハア
HAA
ハア
HAA
ハア
HAA
THE MOUNTAIN!
ガラアアアア
CRRUMMMMMBLE
THE MOUNTAIN OF PEOPLE...
IT'S COLLAPSING.

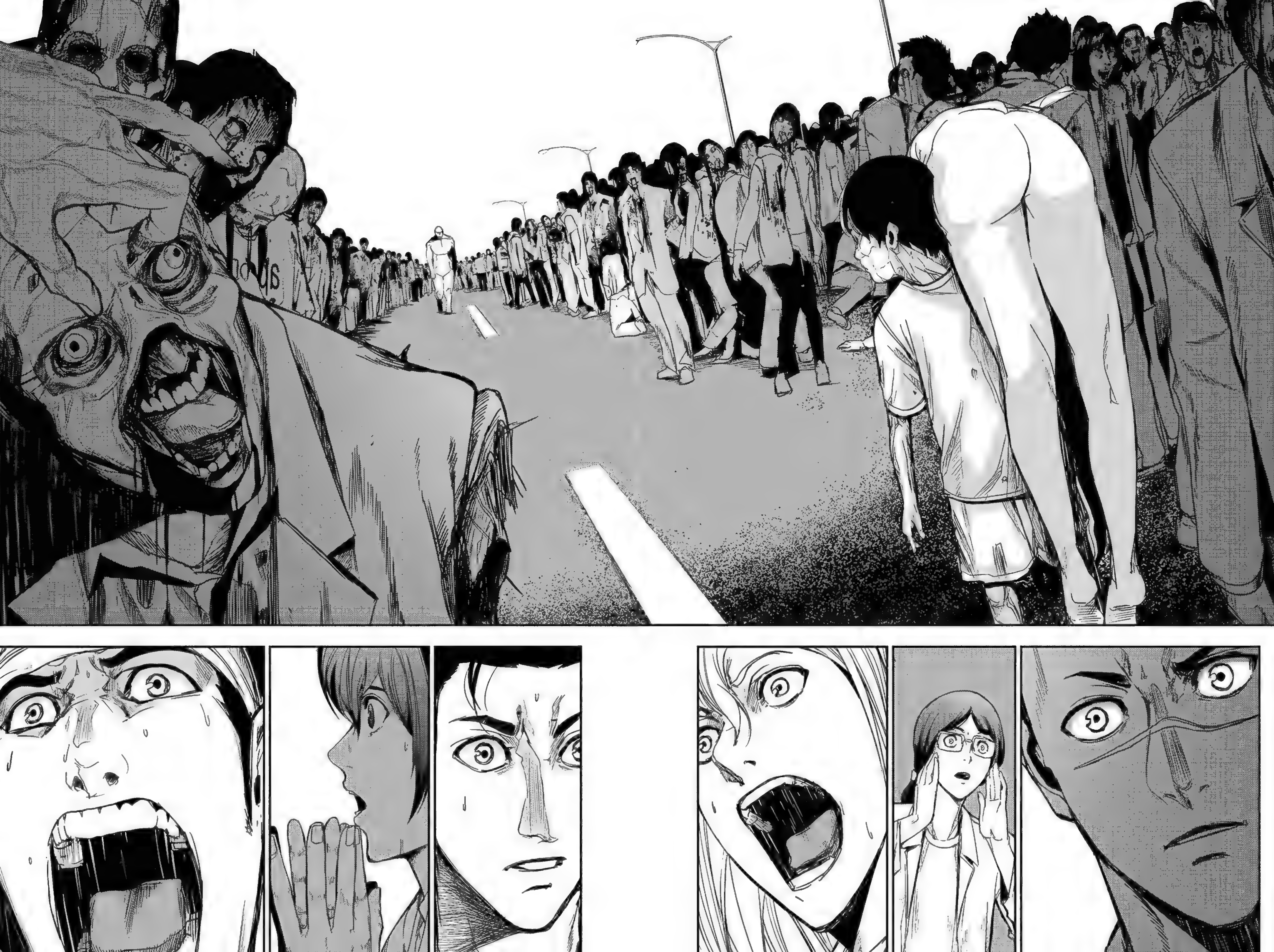

CRAAAAAAAASH
ズズズウウゥン
SHHHHHHHH
RI-
RI...
KH-HWAAAAA-

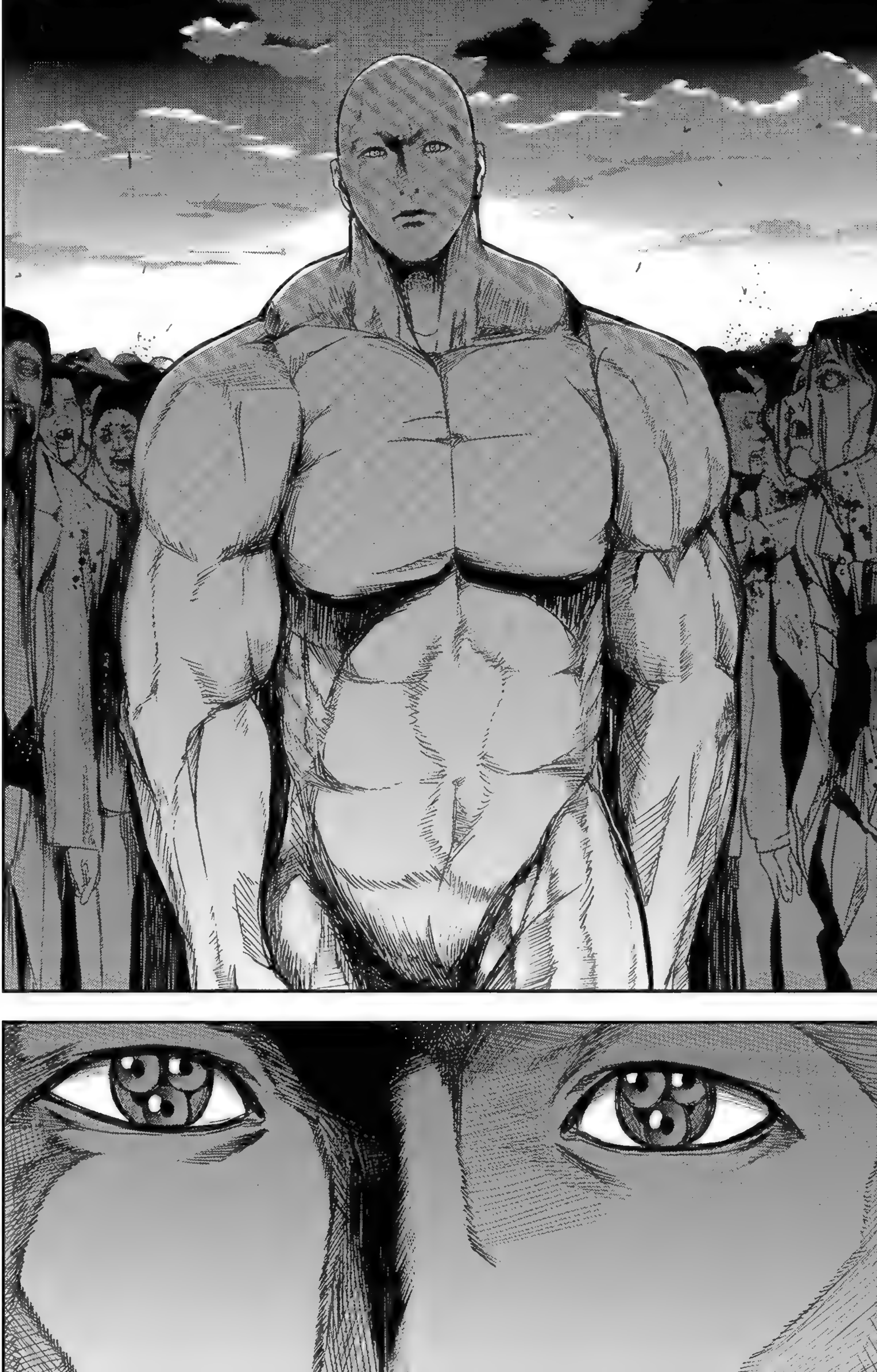

SSSSSSSS
HEY, MAN.
YOU SEE RIKKUN YET?
I'M LOOKING, DAMN YOU!
SHIT.
RIKKUN...
RIKKUN...
AAAAAAAAH!
RI...

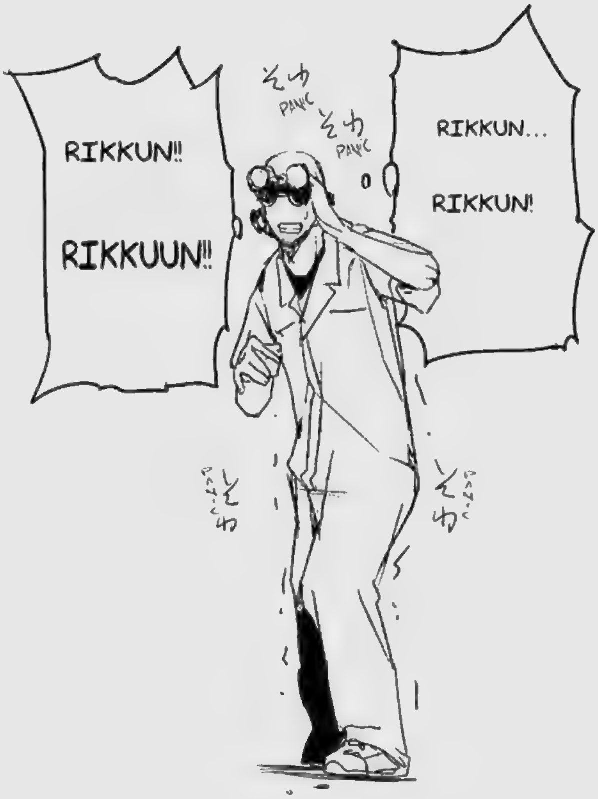



HE-
HE DID IT! RIKKUN DID IT!
HE DID?!
IS HE OKAY?!
REALLY?!
おっしゃあ
COME BACK!
RIK-KUUUUUUN!
グッ
TWITCH


DRAG
DRAG
SHUFF
SHUFF
SHUFF
SHUFF
SHUFF
SHUFF
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
WH- WHAT'S THAT?!
HMM?
TURN






RIKKUN...
RIKKUN!
そわ PANIC
そわ PANIC
RIKKUN!!
RIKKUUN!!
そわ PANIC
そわ PANIC

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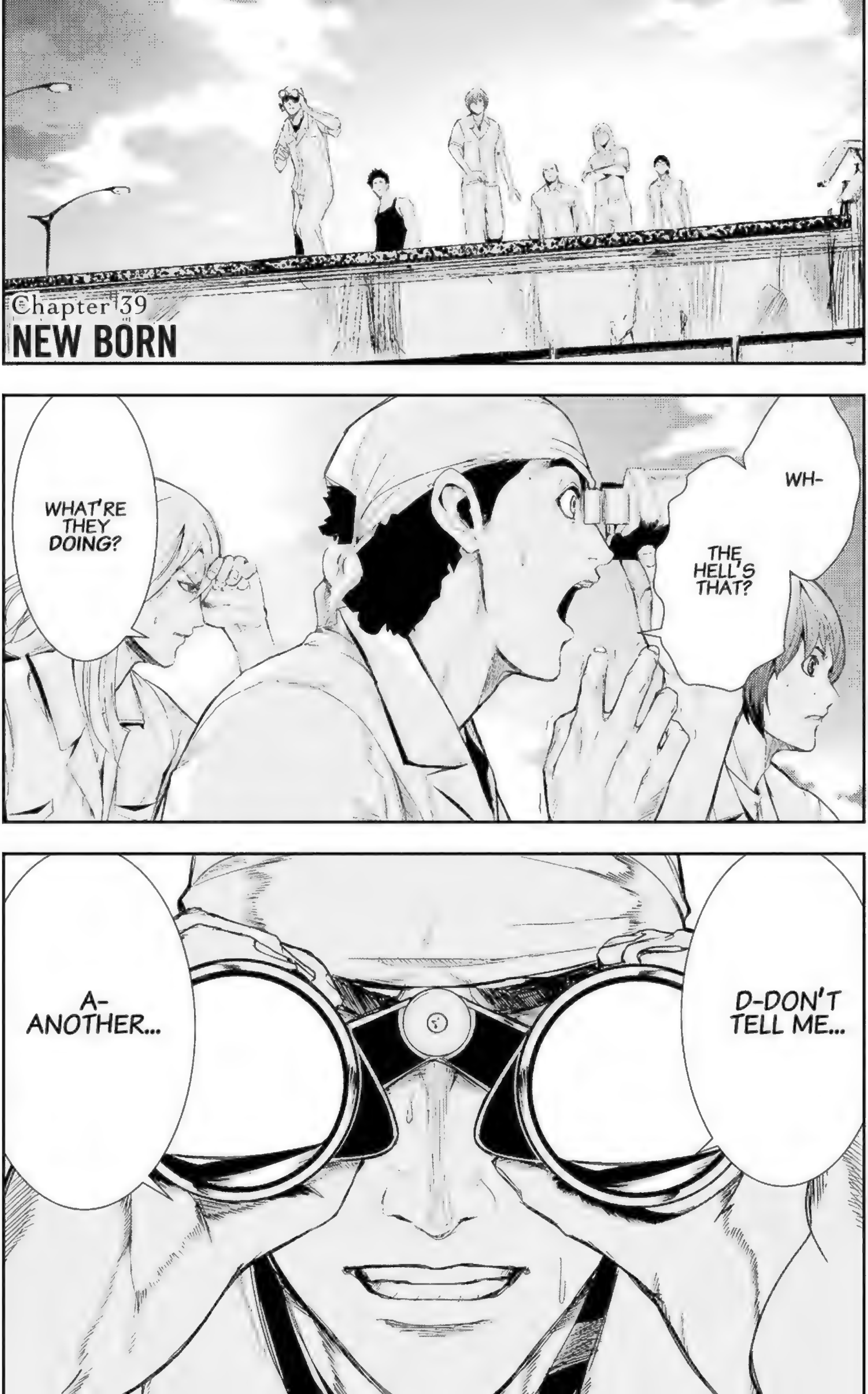
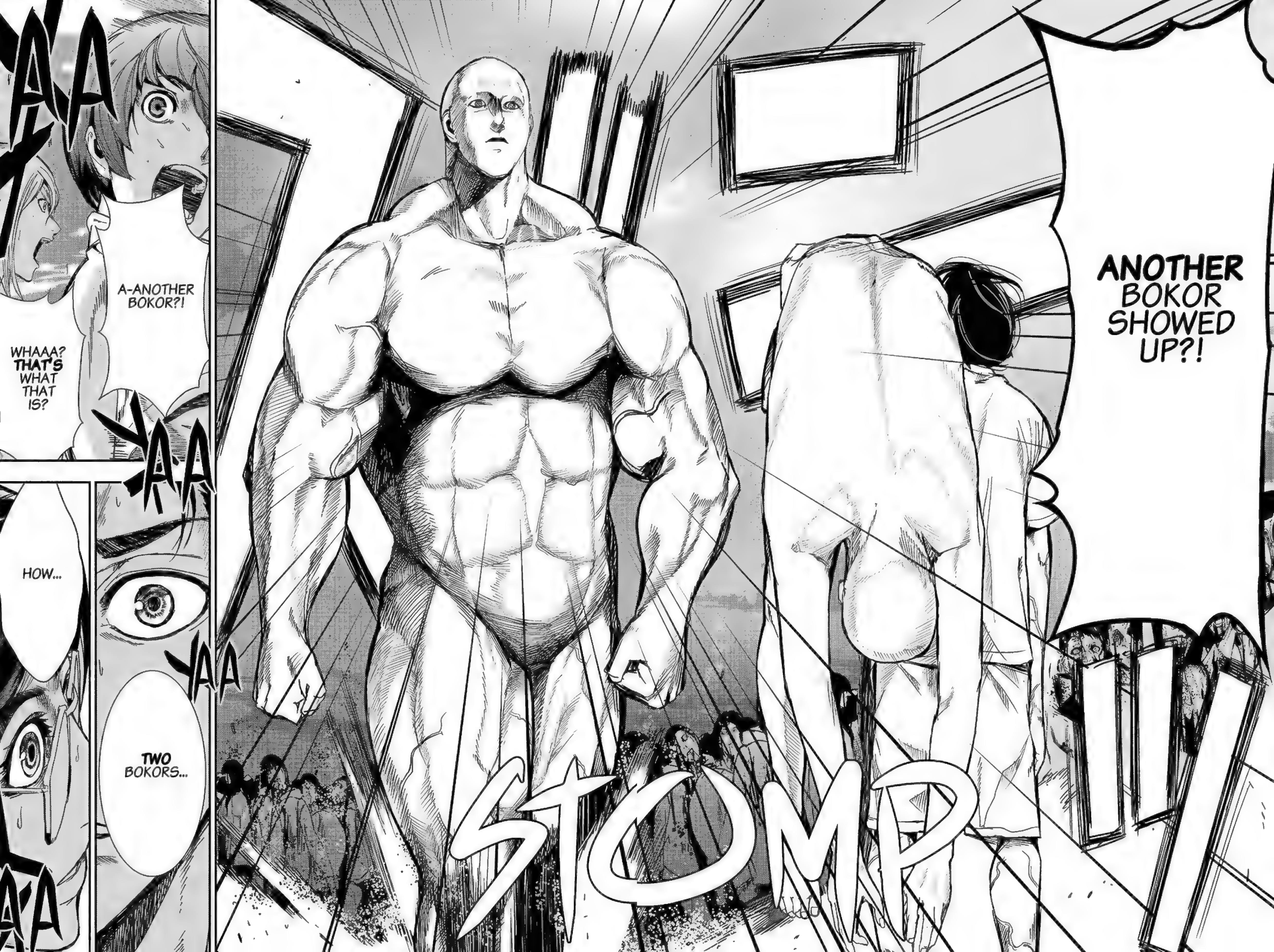
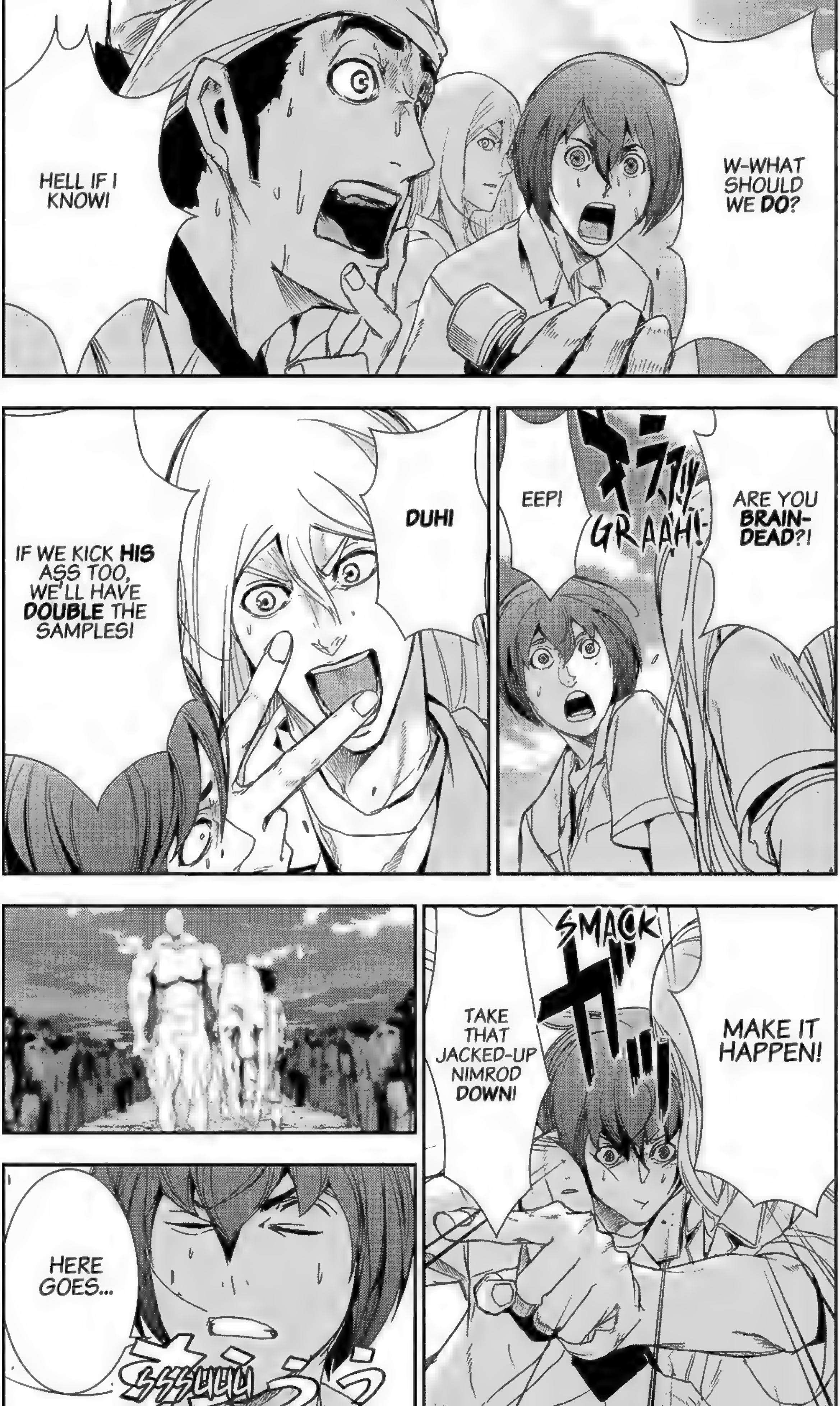
apocalypse

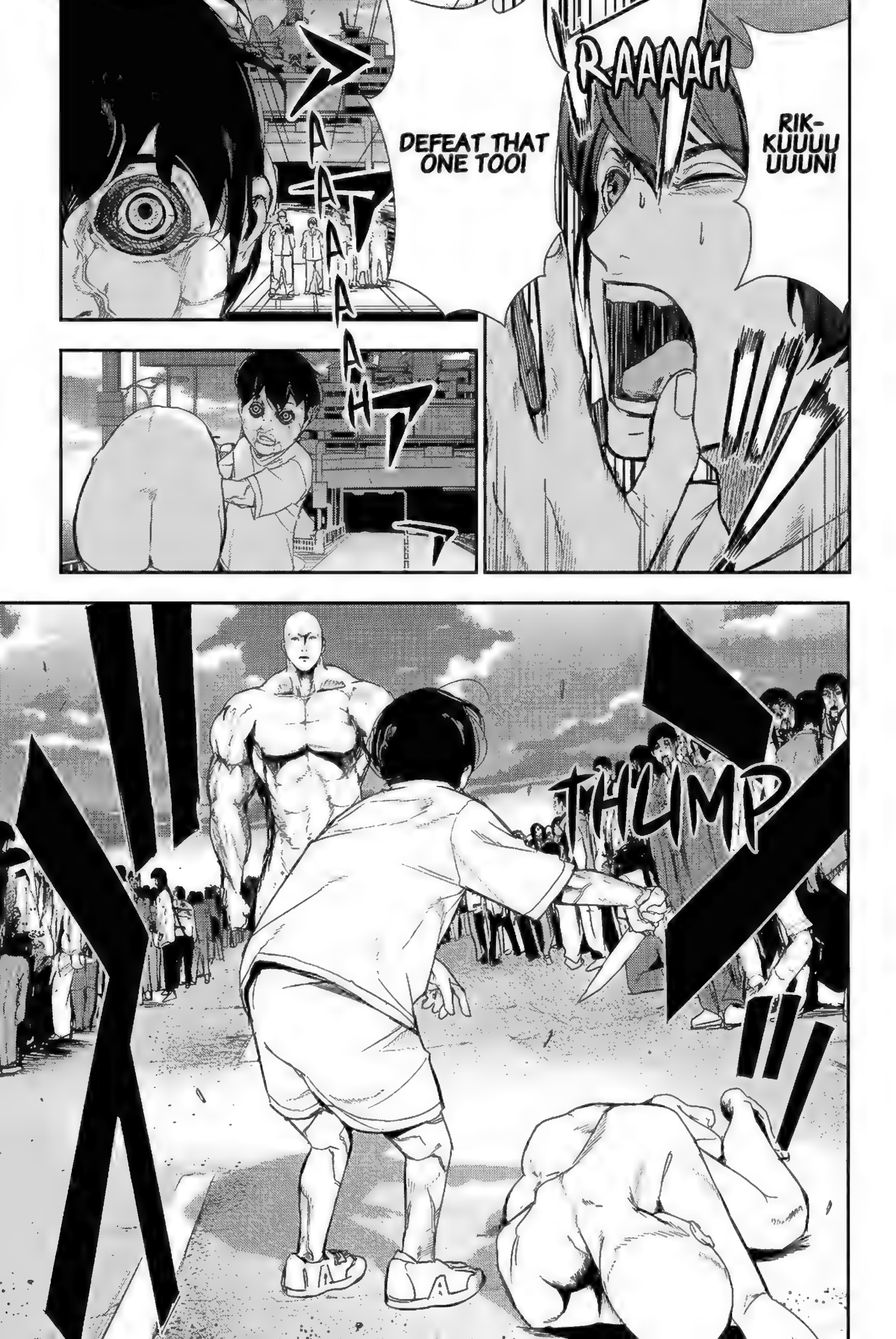
Chapter 39

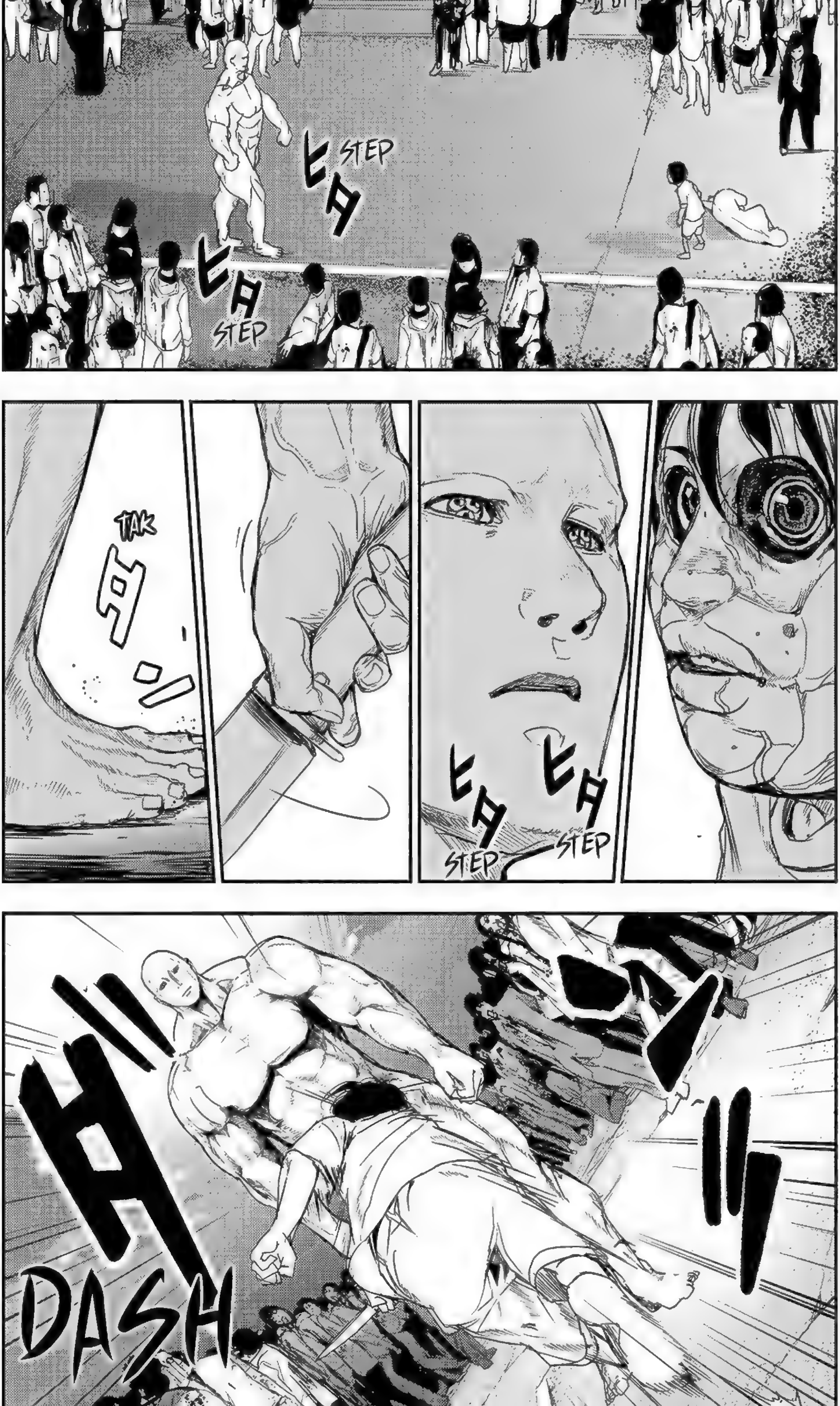
NEW BORN

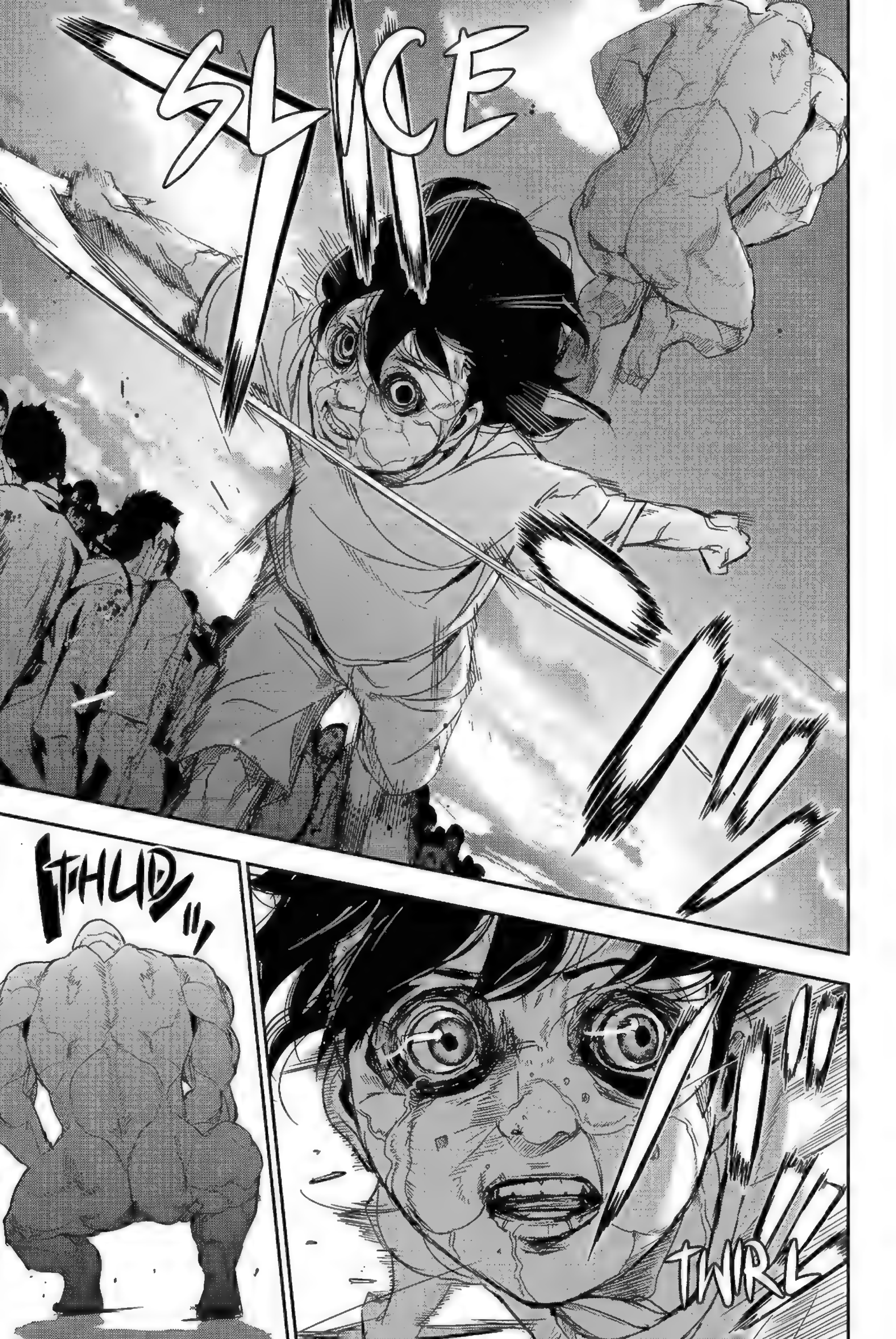

WH- THE HELL'S THAT?
WHAT'RE THEY DOING?
D-DON'T TELL ME...
A- ANOTHER...

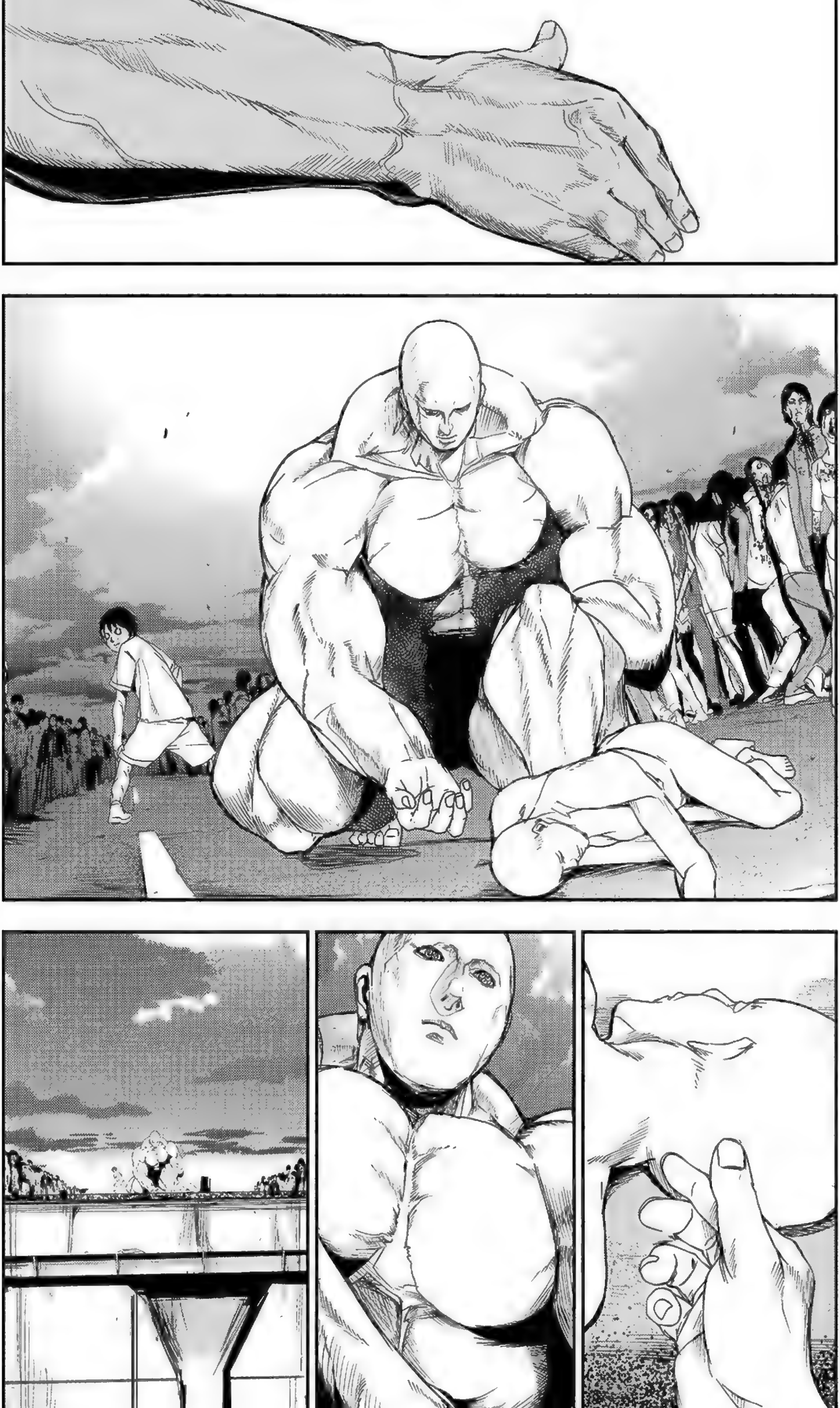

ANOTHER BOKOR SHOWED UP?!
STOMP
A-ANOTHER BOKOR?!
WHAAA? THAT'S WHAT THAT IS?
YAA
YAA
HOW...
YAA
TWO BOKORS...
AA

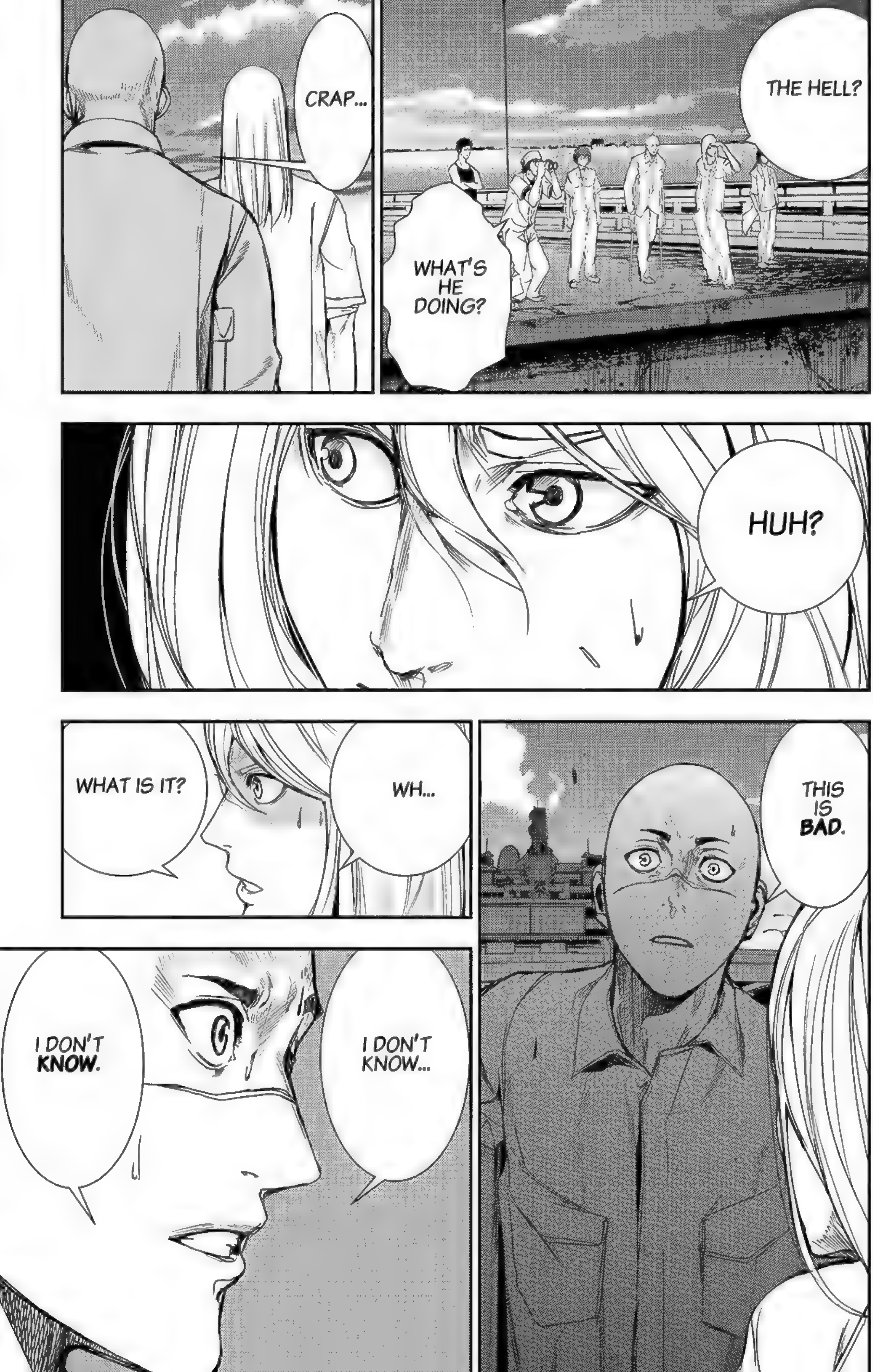

W-WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
HELL IF I KNOW!
ARE YOU BRAIN-DEAD?!
GRAAH!
EEP!
DUH!
IF WE KICK HIS ASS TOO, WE'LL HAVE DOUBLE THE SAMPLES!
MAKE IT HAPPEN!
TAKE THAT JACKED-UP NIMROD DOWN!
SMACK
HERE GOES...
SSSUUUU

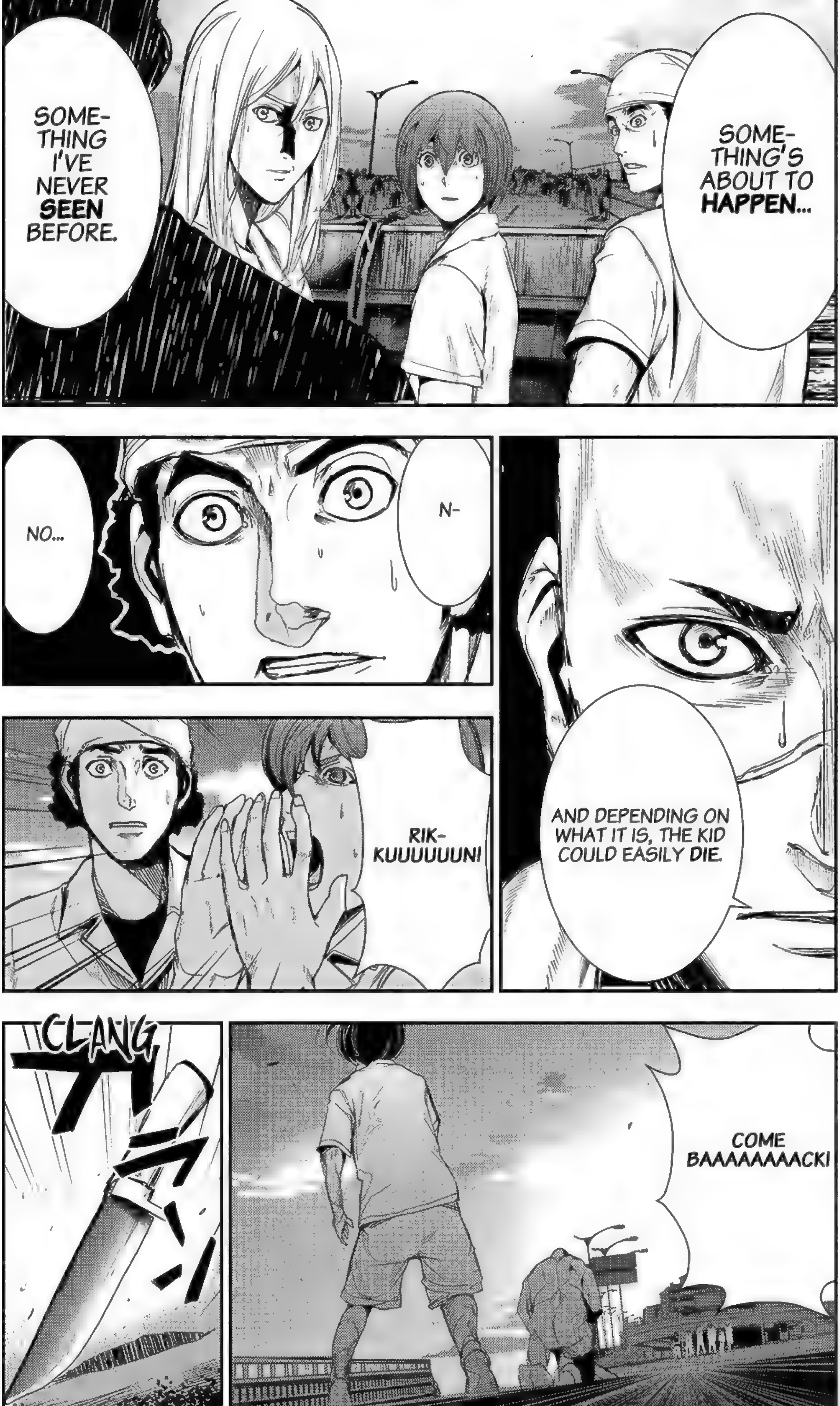

RAAAAH
RIK-KUUUU UUUN!
DEFEAT THAT ONE TOO!
AAAAAAAH
THUMP

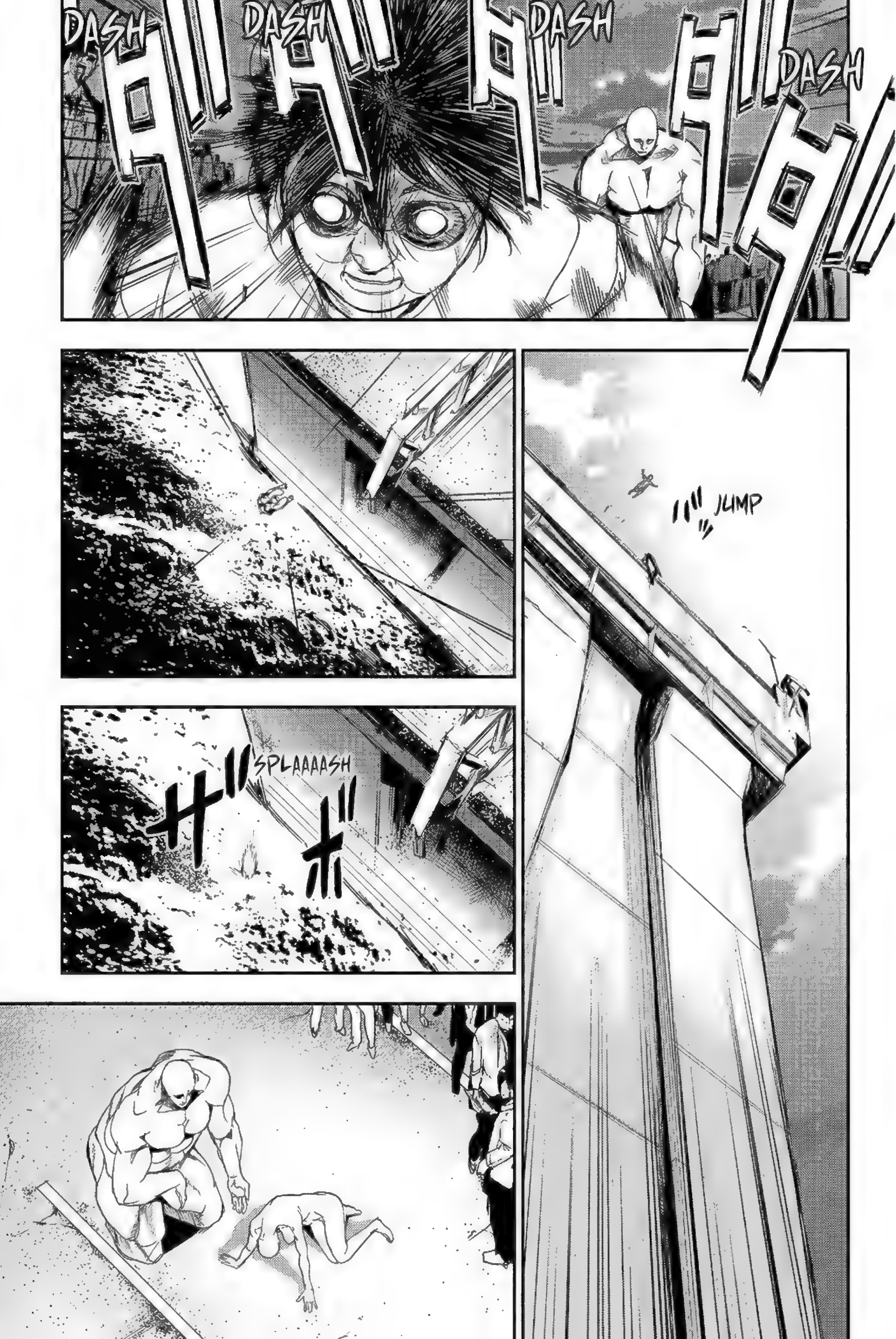

ヒタ STEP
ヒタ STEP
ヒタ STEP
ヒタ STEP
タッ TAK
ダッ DASH

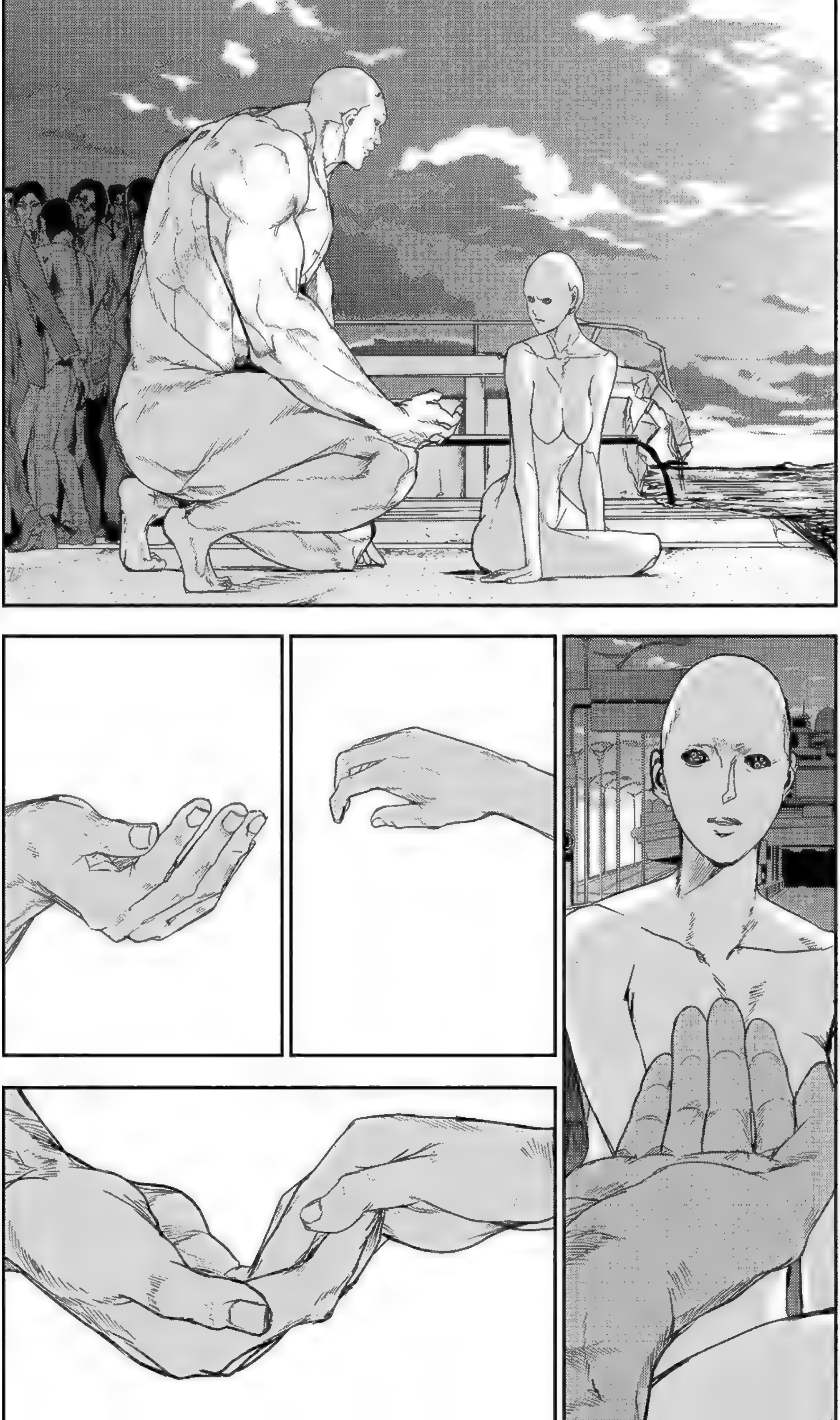

SLICE
TWIRL
THUD

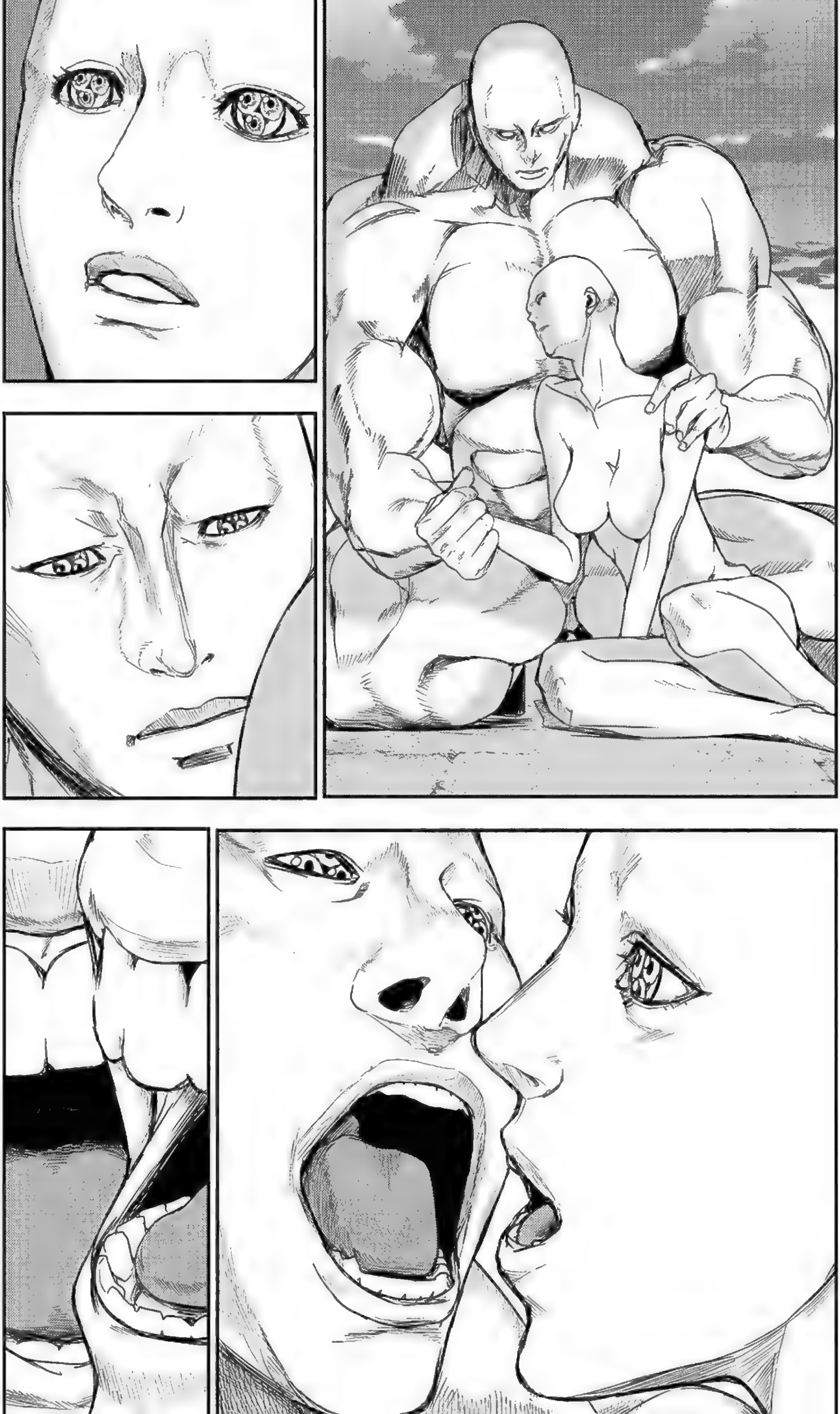


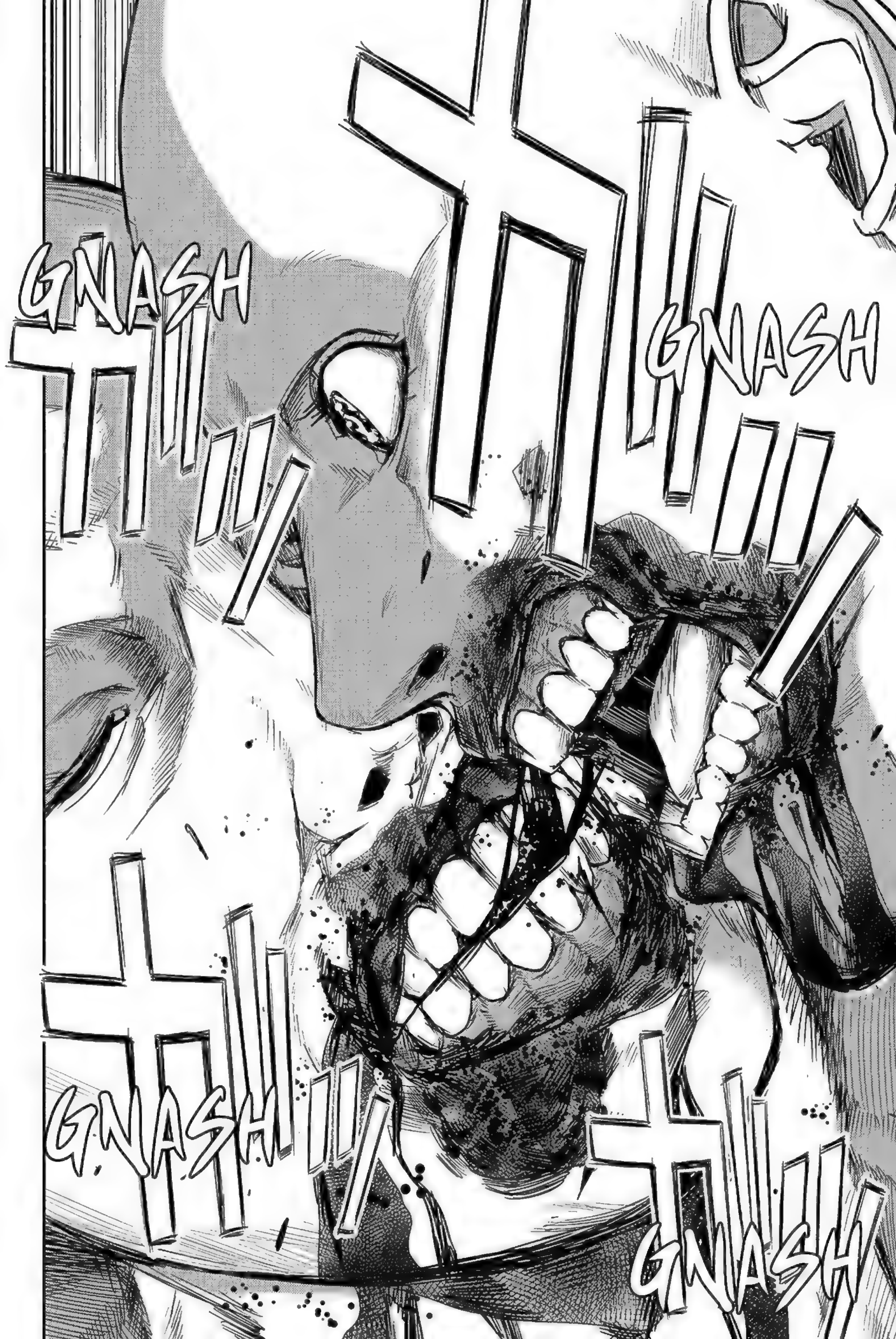

THE HELL?
WHAT'S HE DOING?
CRAP...
HUH?
THIS IS **BAD**.
WH...
WHAT IS IT?
I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T **KNOW**.


SOMETHING'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN...
SOMETHING I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
AND DEPENDING ON WHAT IT IS, THE KID COULD EASILY DIE.
N-
NO...
RIK-KUUUUUUN!
COME BAAAAAAAACK!
CLANG


DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
JUMP
SPLAAAASH
ザボ






ガリ
GNASH
ガリ
GNASH
ガリ
GNASH
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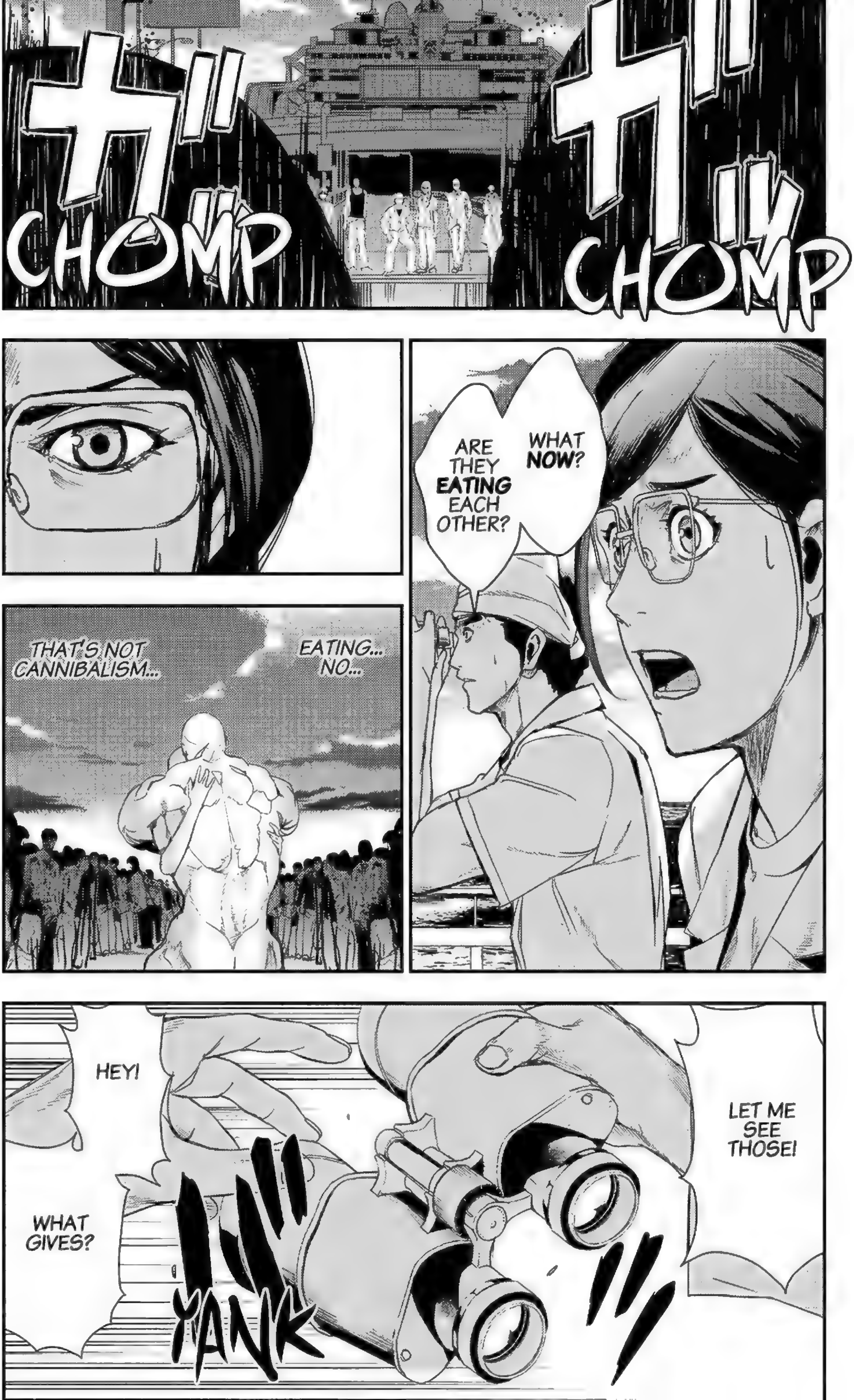
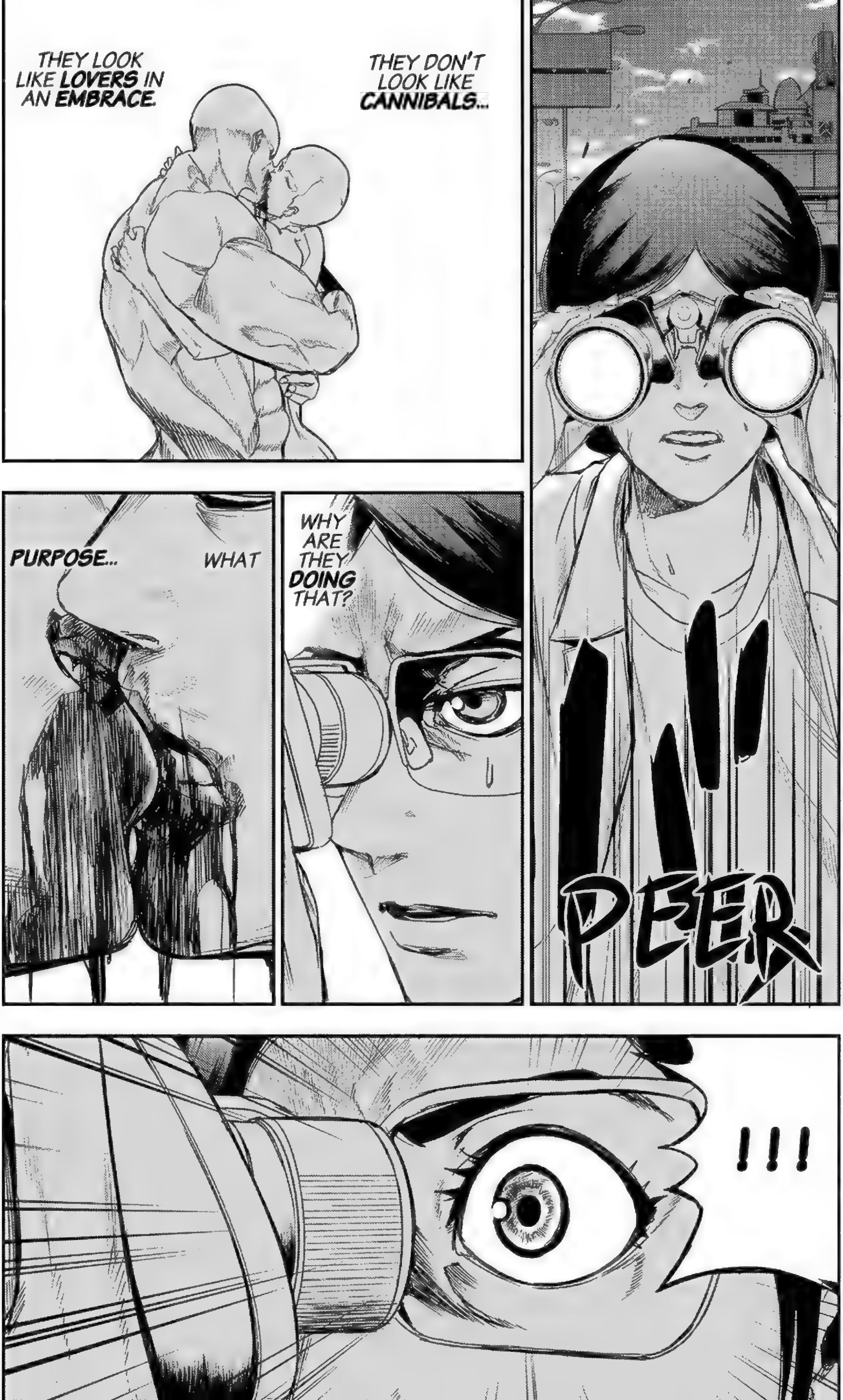
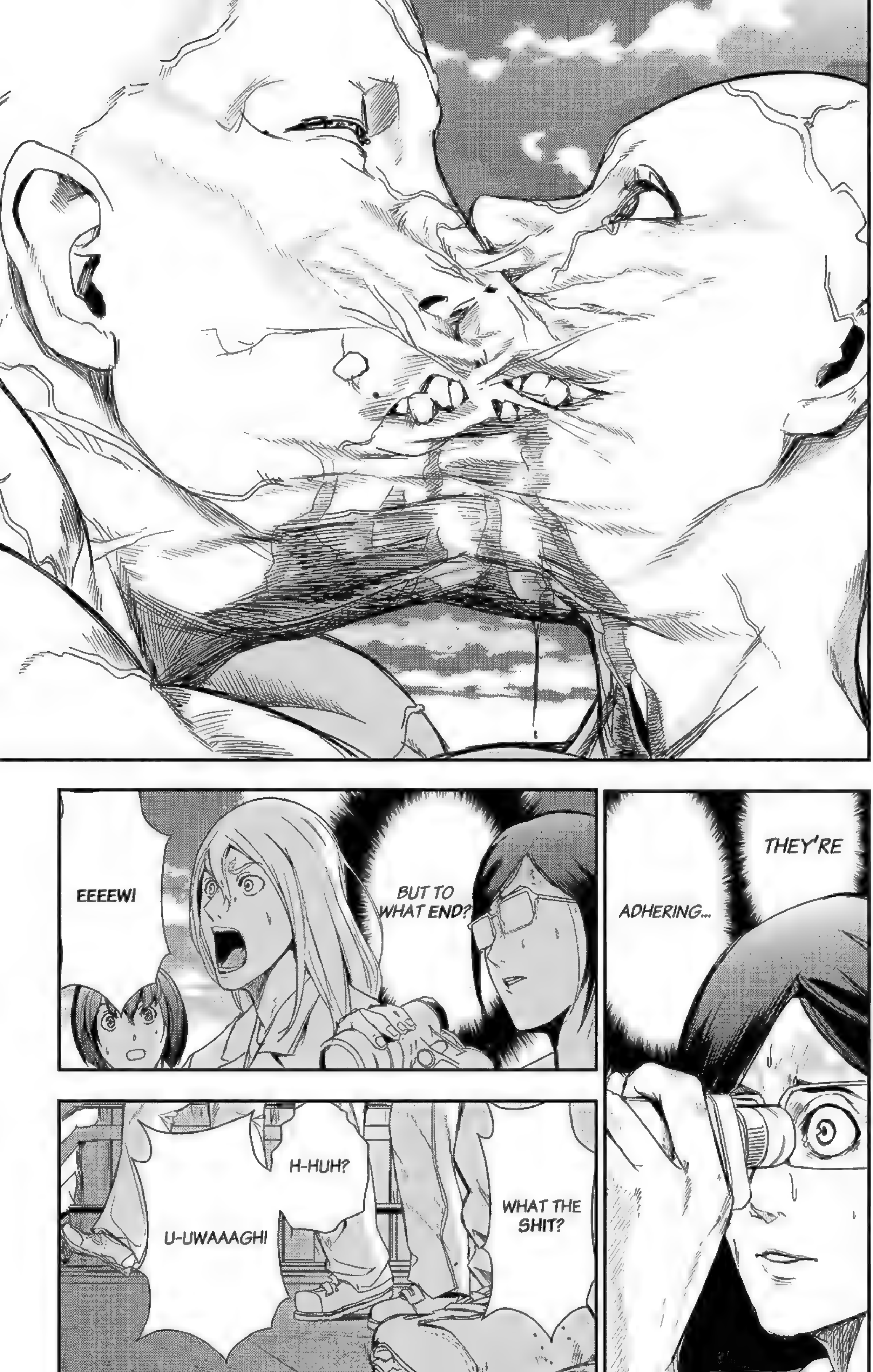
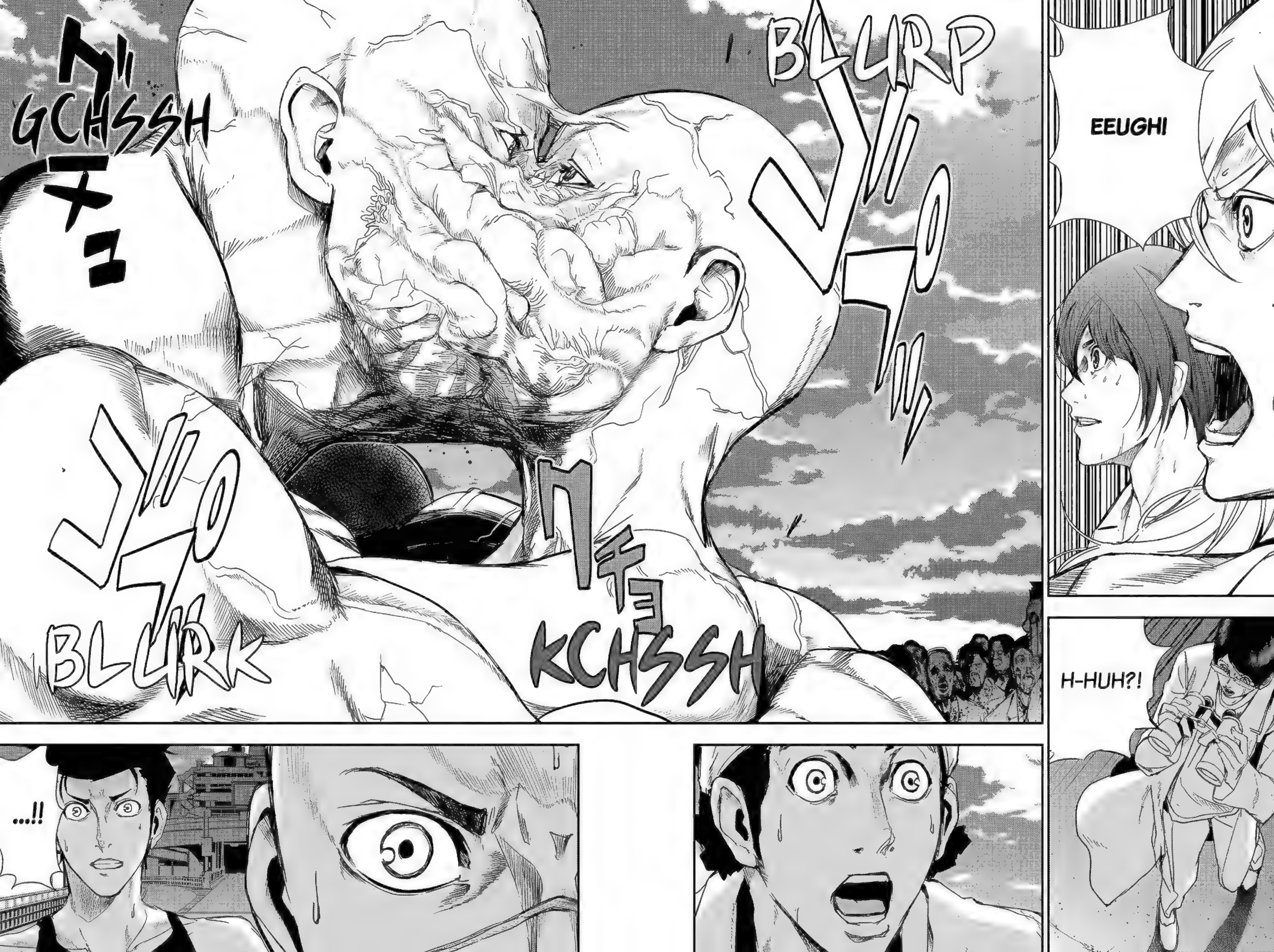
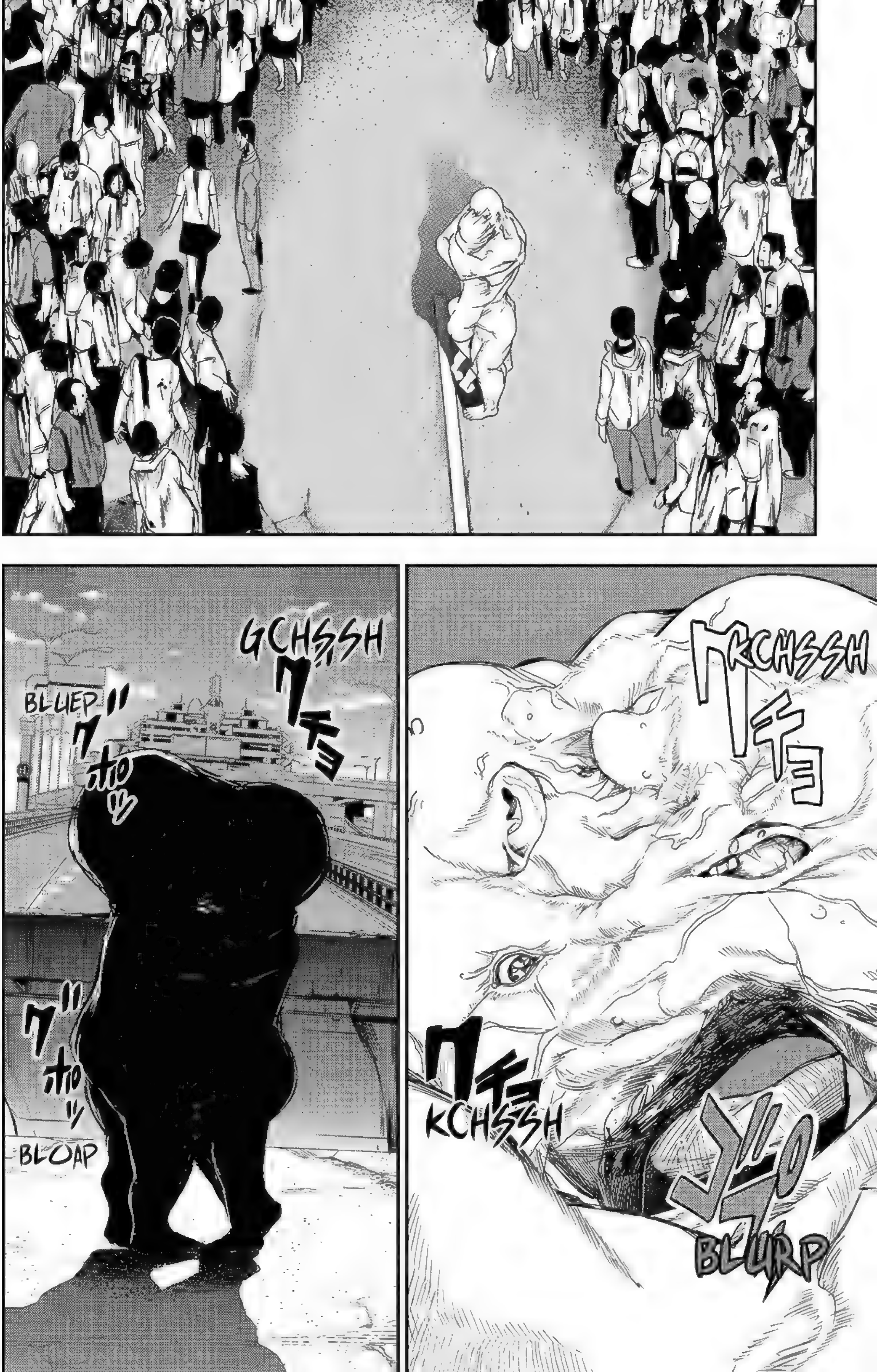
GNASH

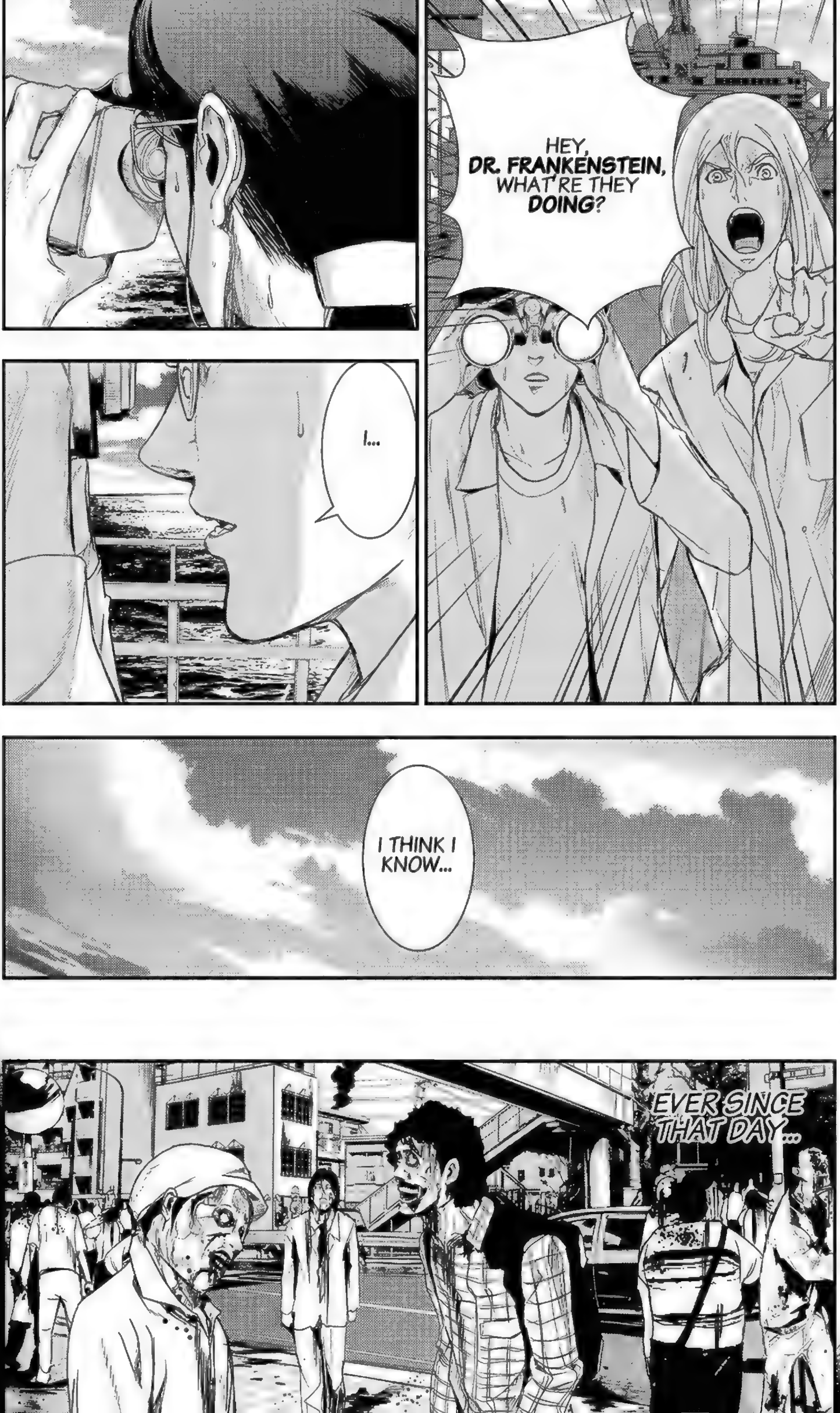

ガブッ
CHOMP
ガブ
CHOMP
WHAT NOW?
ARE THEY EATING EACH OTHER?
EATING... NO...
THAT'S NOT CANNIBALISM...
LET ME SEE THOSE!
HEY!
WHAT GIVES?
YANK

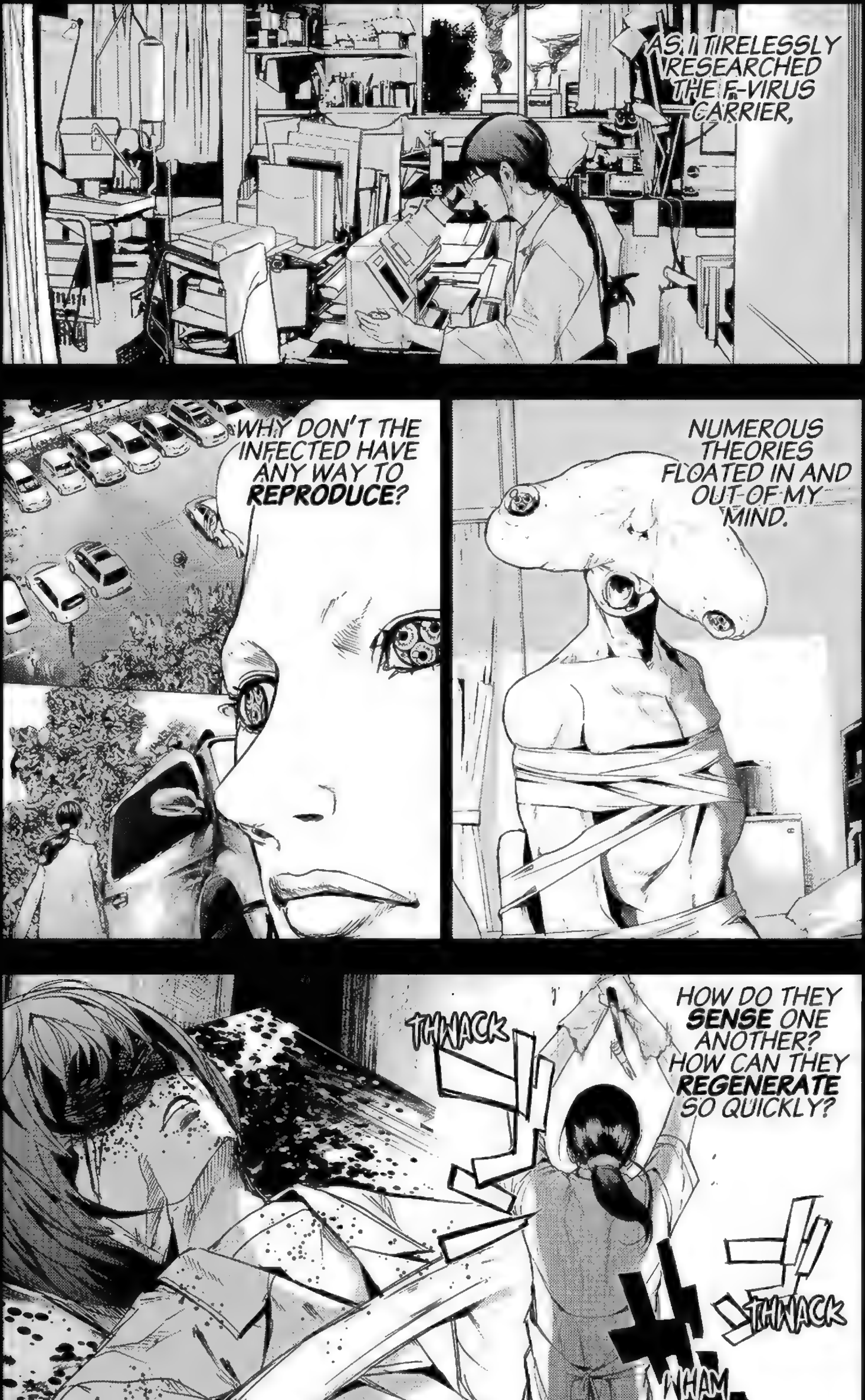

PEER
THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE CANNIBALS...
THEY LOOK LIKE LOVERS IN AN EMBRACE.
WHY ARE THEY DOING THAT?
WHAT
PURPOSE...
!!!

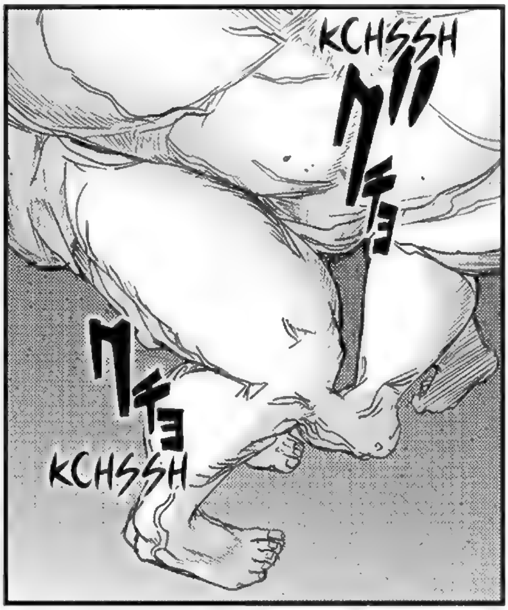

THEY'RE
ADHERING...
BUT TO WHAT END?
EEEEW!
WHAT THE SHIT?
H-HUH?
U-UWAAAGH!

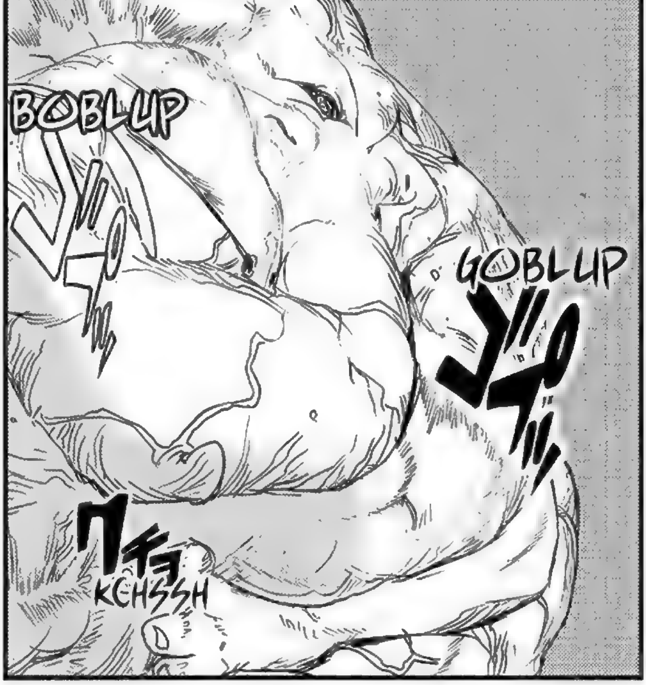

EEUGH!
BLURP
グチュ
GCHSSH
クチョ
KCHSSH
BLURK
H-HUH?!
...!!

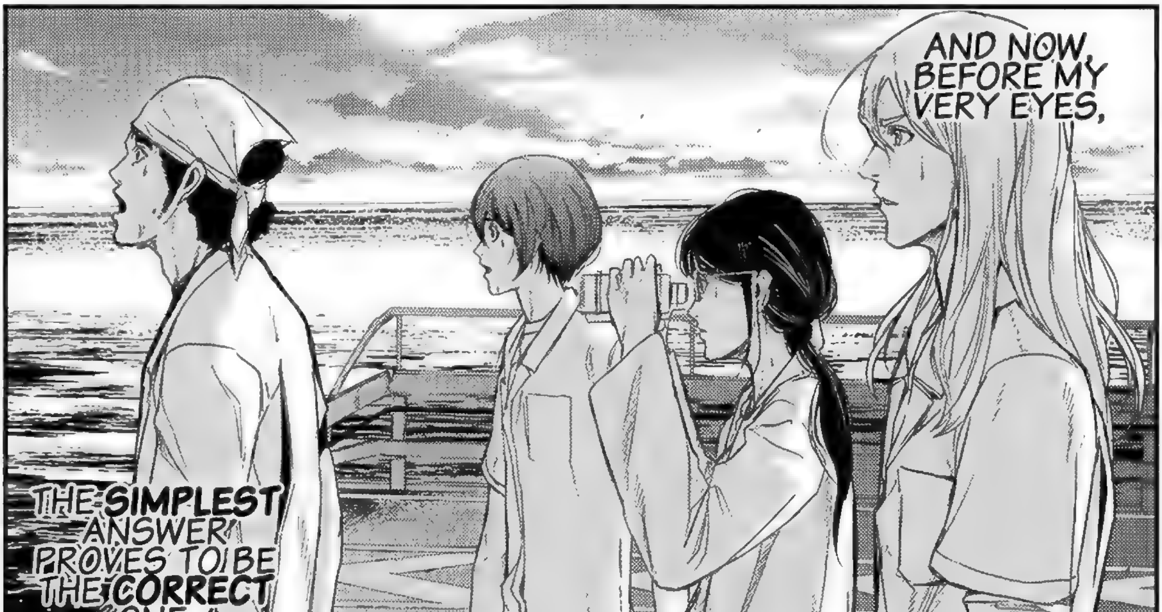

クチョ
KRCHSSH
クチョ
KCHSSH
ゴポ
BLURP
クチョ
GCHSSH
グポッ
BLUEP
グポッ
BLOAP

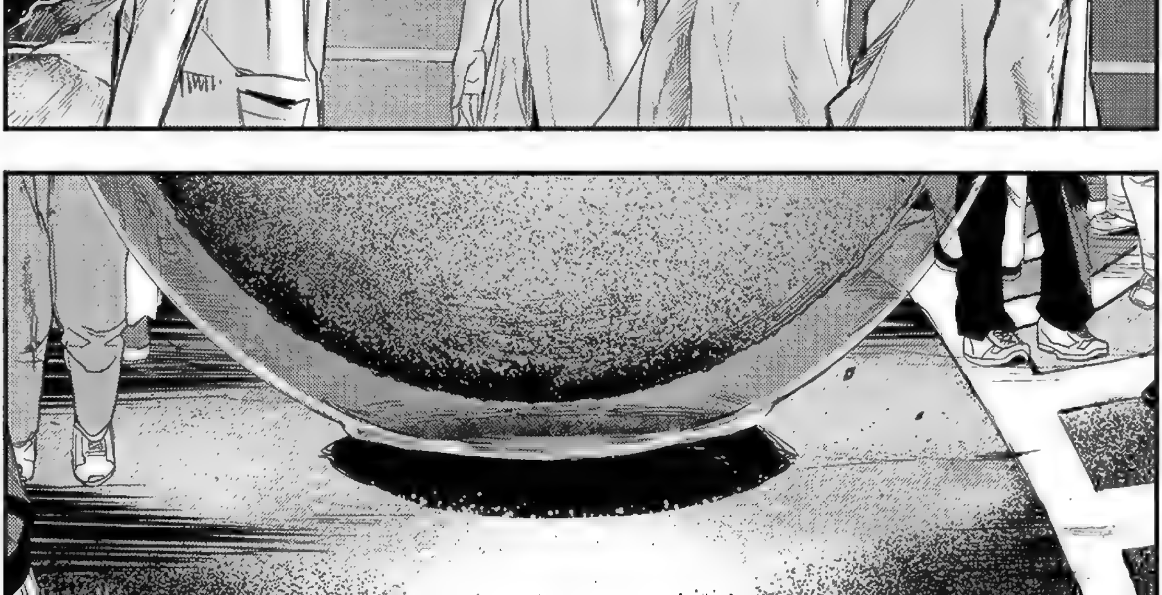

HEY, DR. FRANKENSTEIN, WHAT'RE THEY DOING?
I...
I THINK I KNOW...
EVER SINCE THAT DAY...

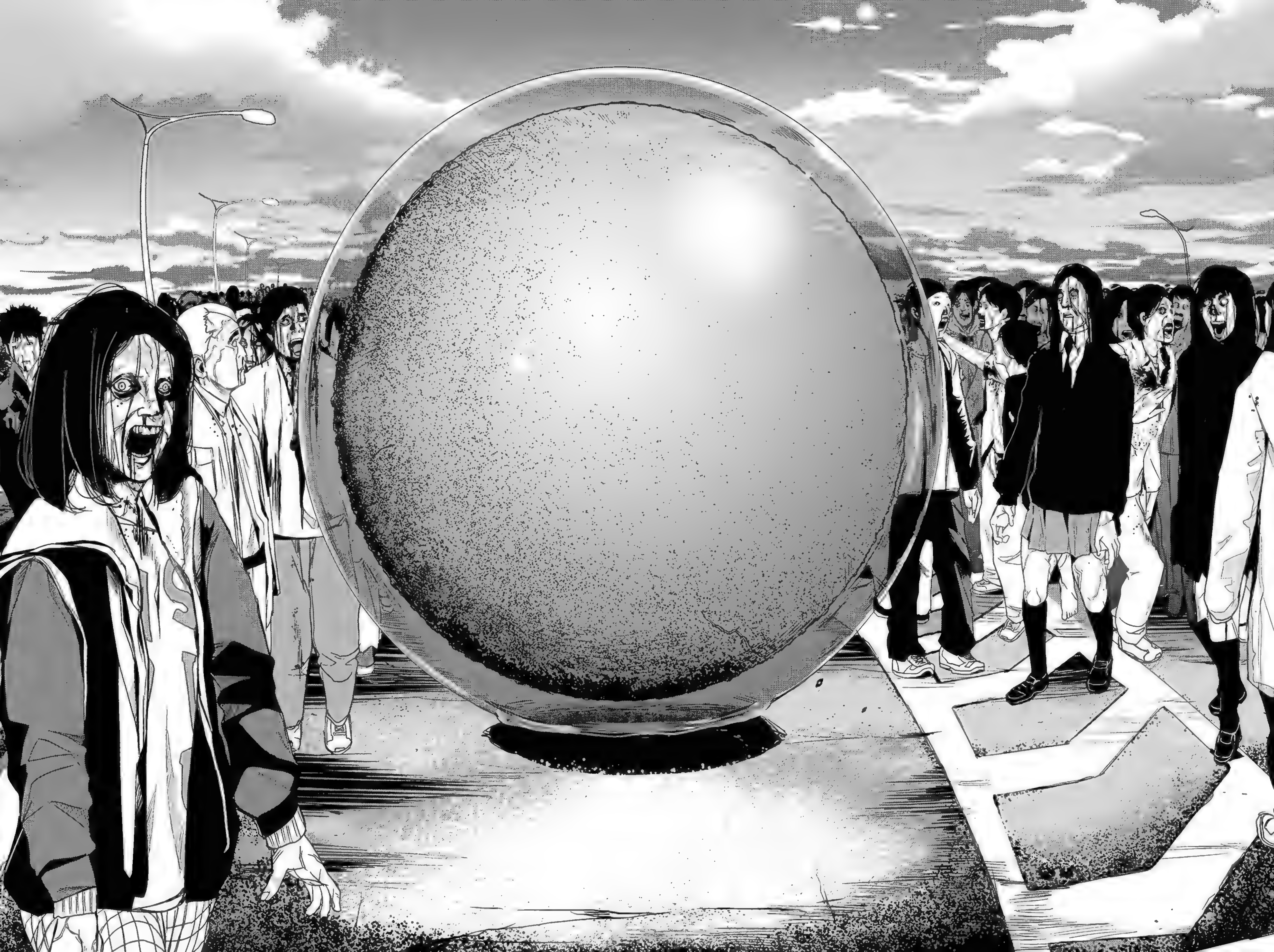

AS I TIRELESSLY RESEARCHED THE F-VIRUS CARRIER,
NUMEROUS THEORIES FLOATED IN AND OUT OF MY MIND.
WHY DON'T THE INFECTED HAVE ANY WAY TO **REPRODUCE**?
HOW DO THEY **SENSE** ONE ANOTHER? HOW CAN THEY **REGENERATE** SO QUICKLY?
THWACK
THWACK
WHAM

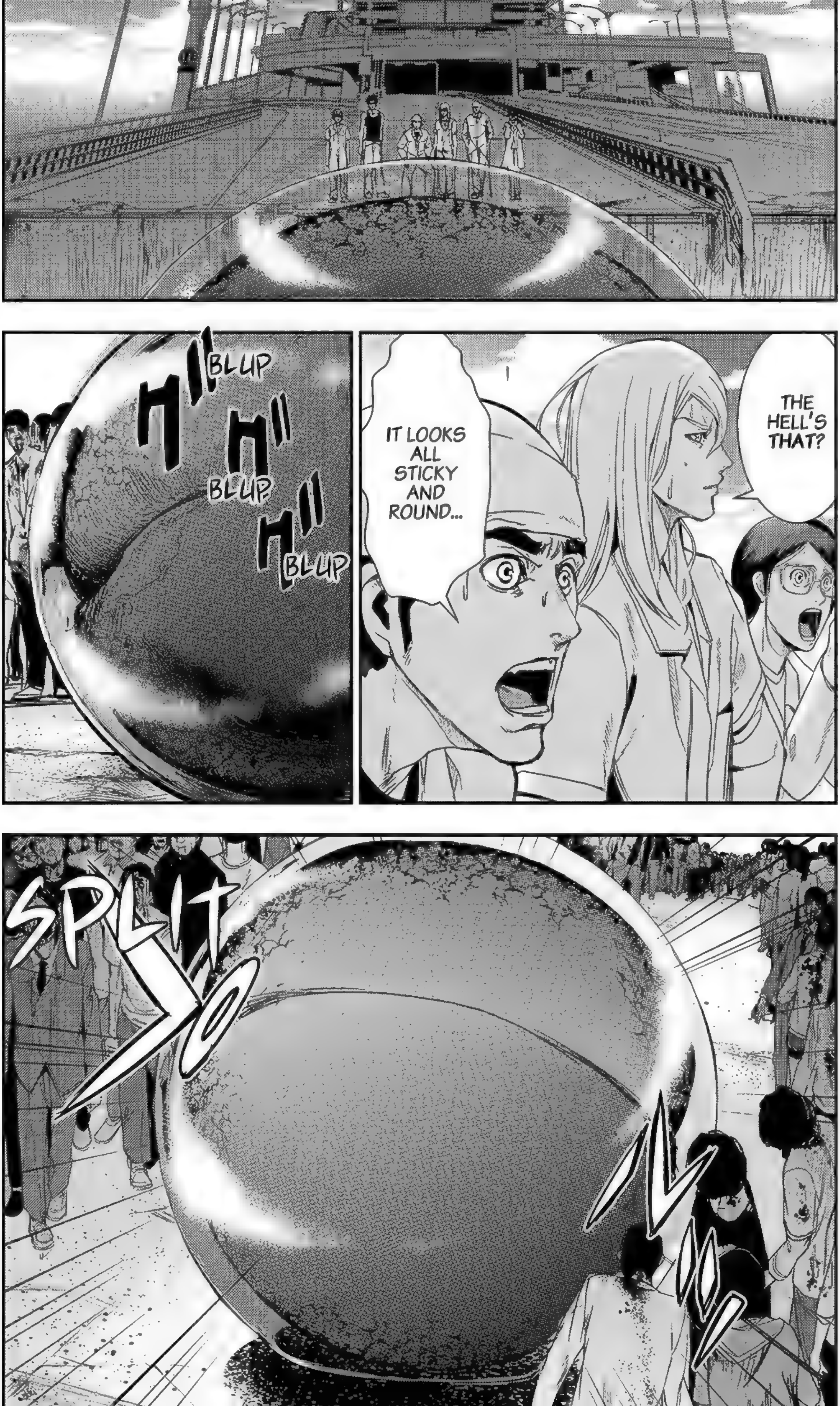

KCHSSH
グチョ
グチョ
KCHSSH

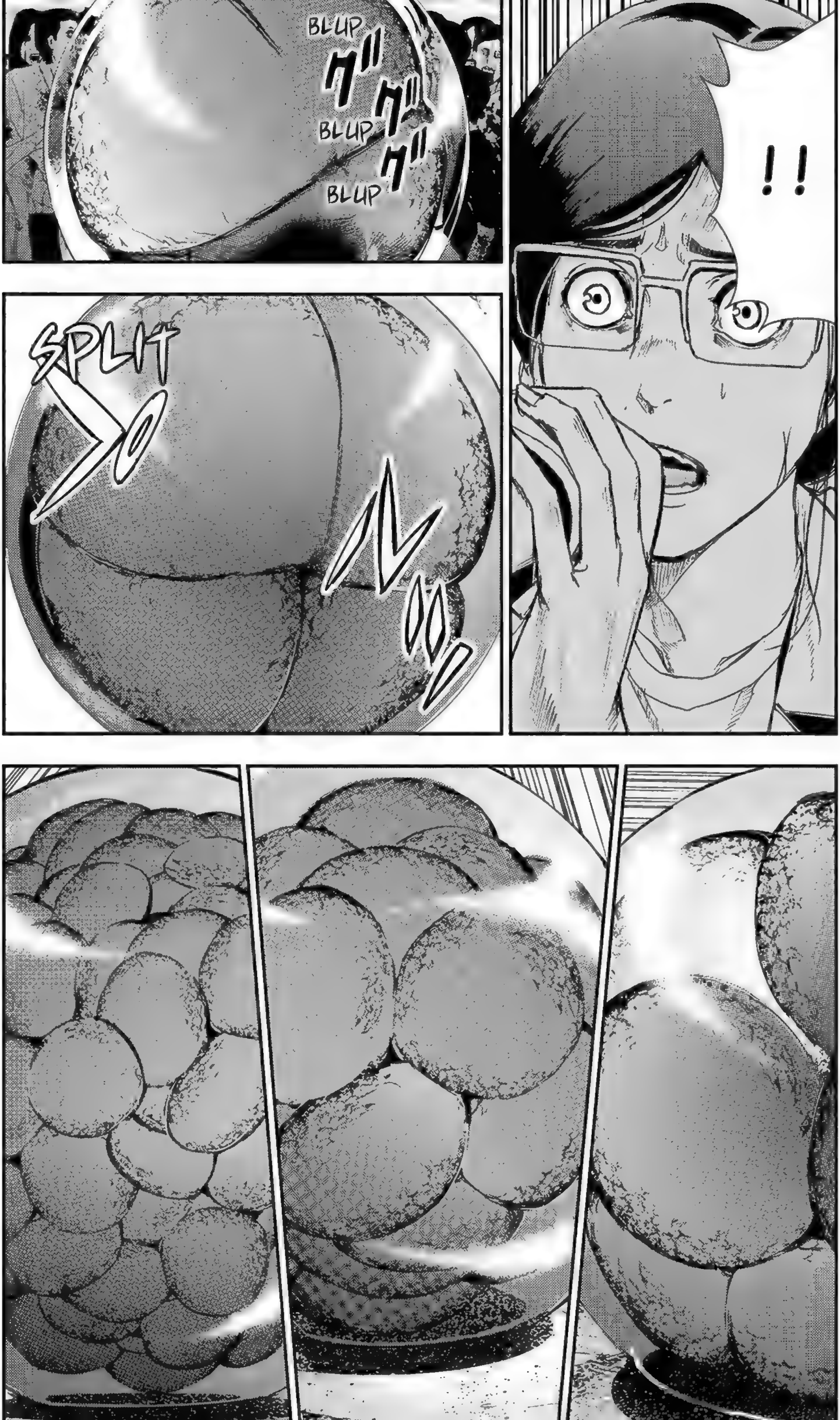

GOBLUP
ゴプッ
BOBLUP
ゴポッ
グチョ
KCHSSH

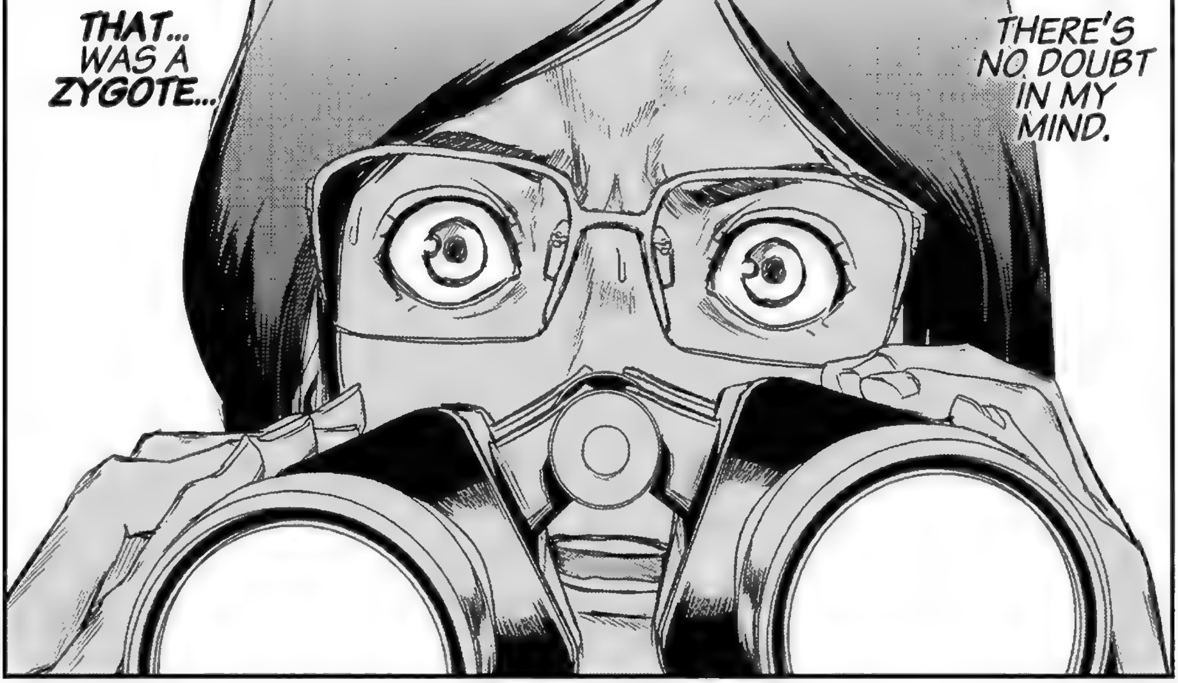

AND NOW, BEFORE MY VERY EYES,
THE SIMPLEST ANSWER PROVES TO BE THE CORRECT ONE.

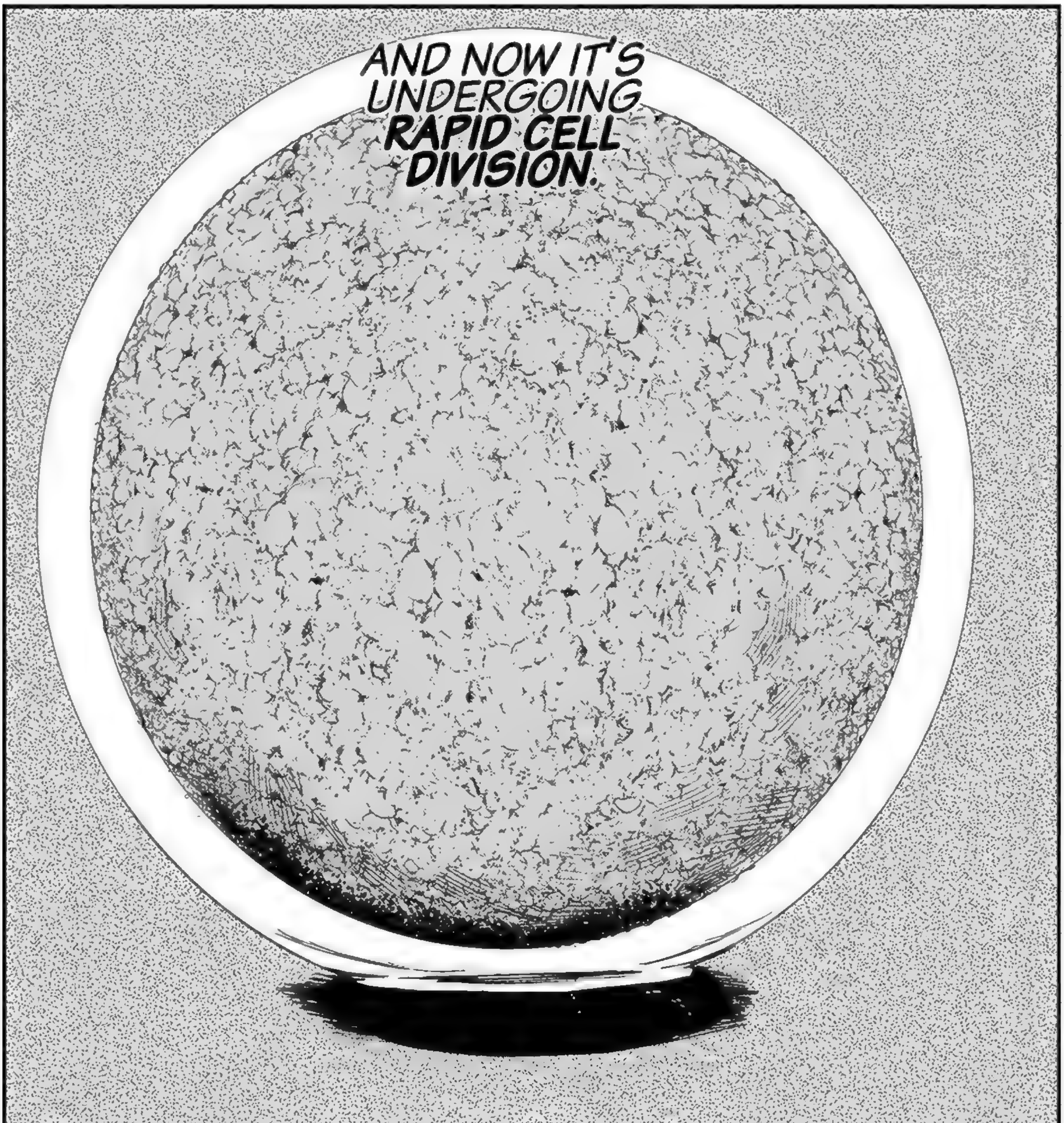


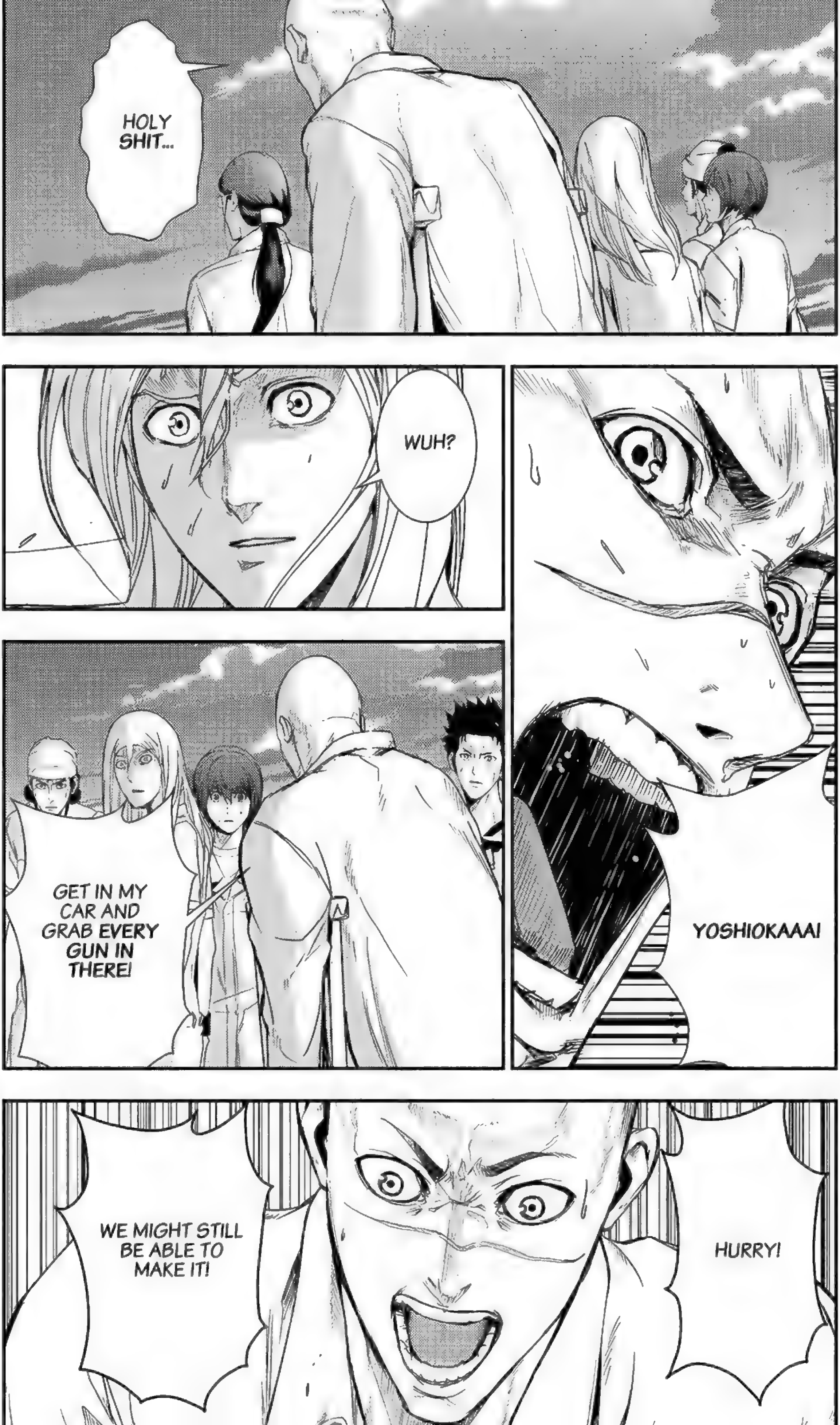


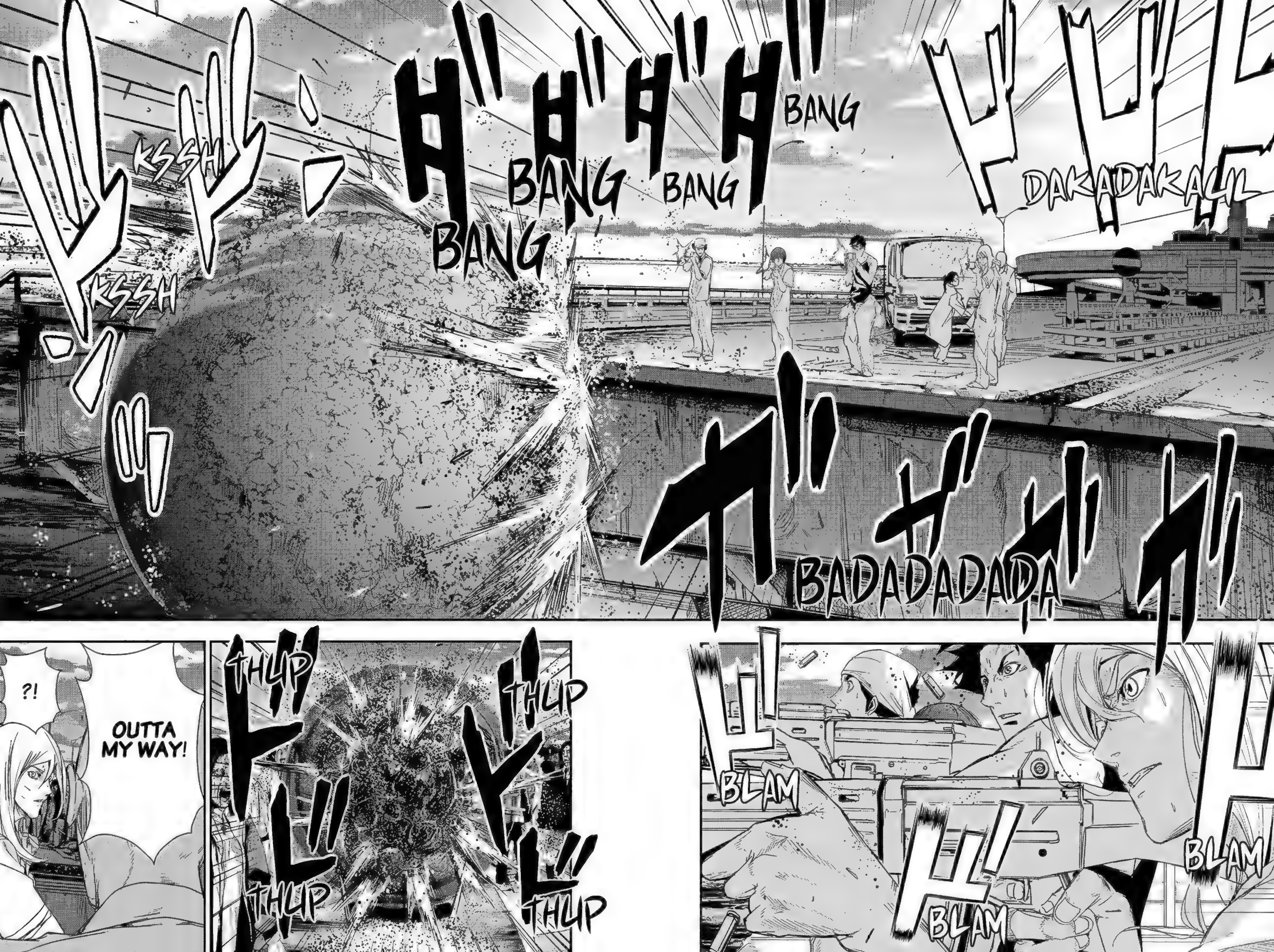

THE HELL'S THAT?
!
IT LOOKS ALL STICKY AND ROUND...
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP
SPLIT

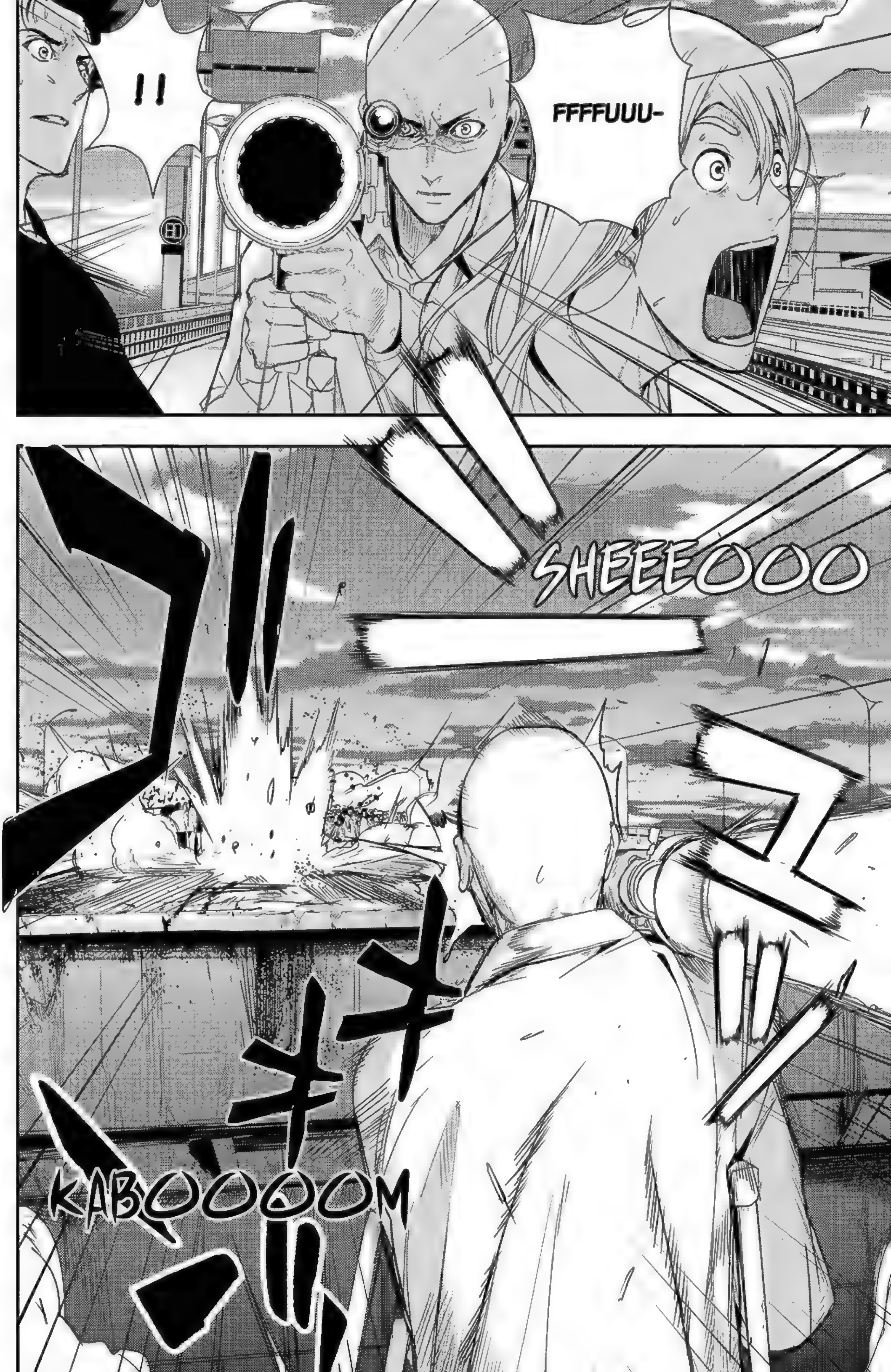

!!
BLUP
グ
BLUP
グ
グ
BLUP
SPLIT

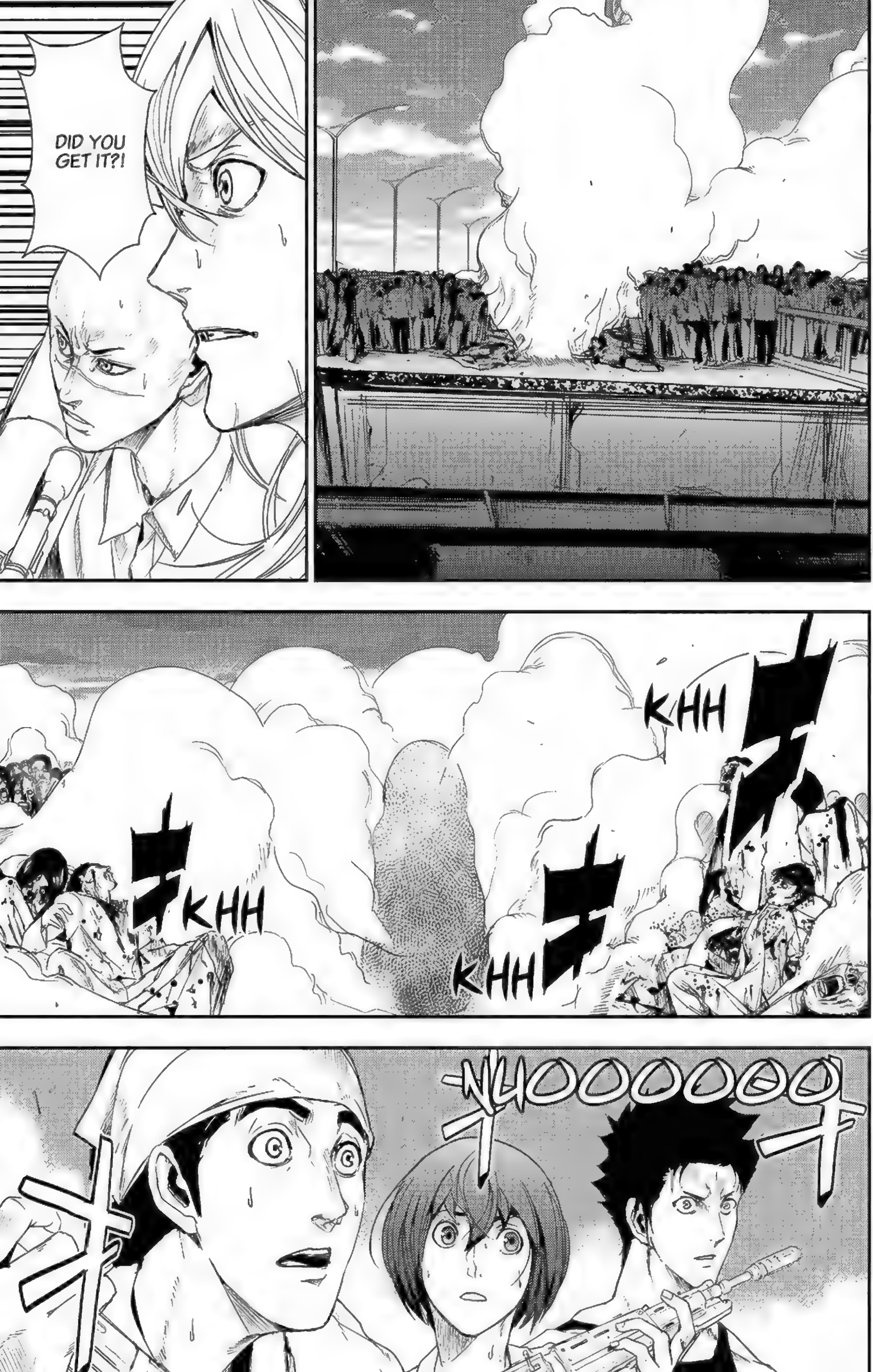

THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND.
THAT... WAS A ZYGOTE...

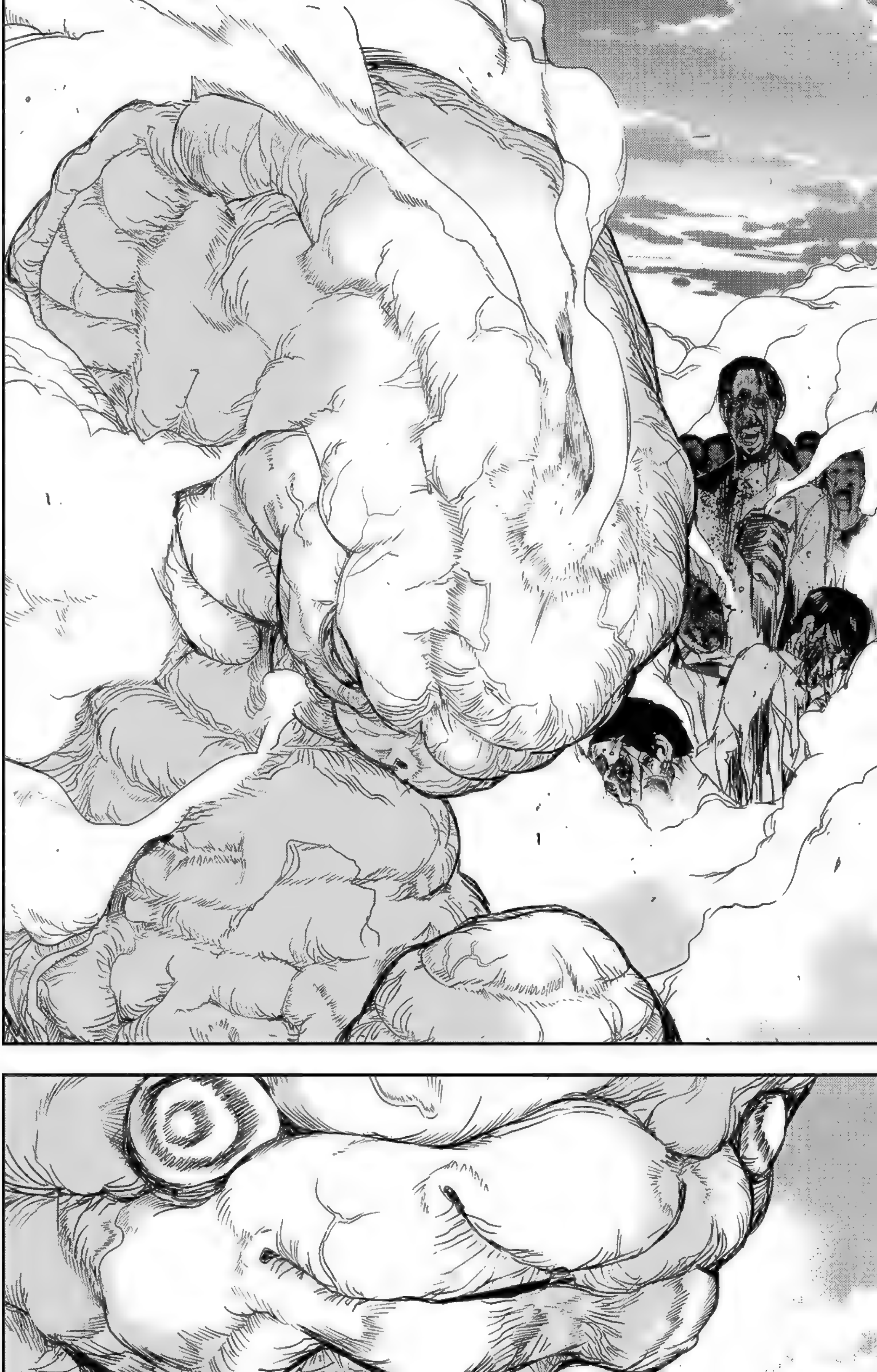

AND NOW IT'S UNDERGOING **RAPID CELL DIVISION.**

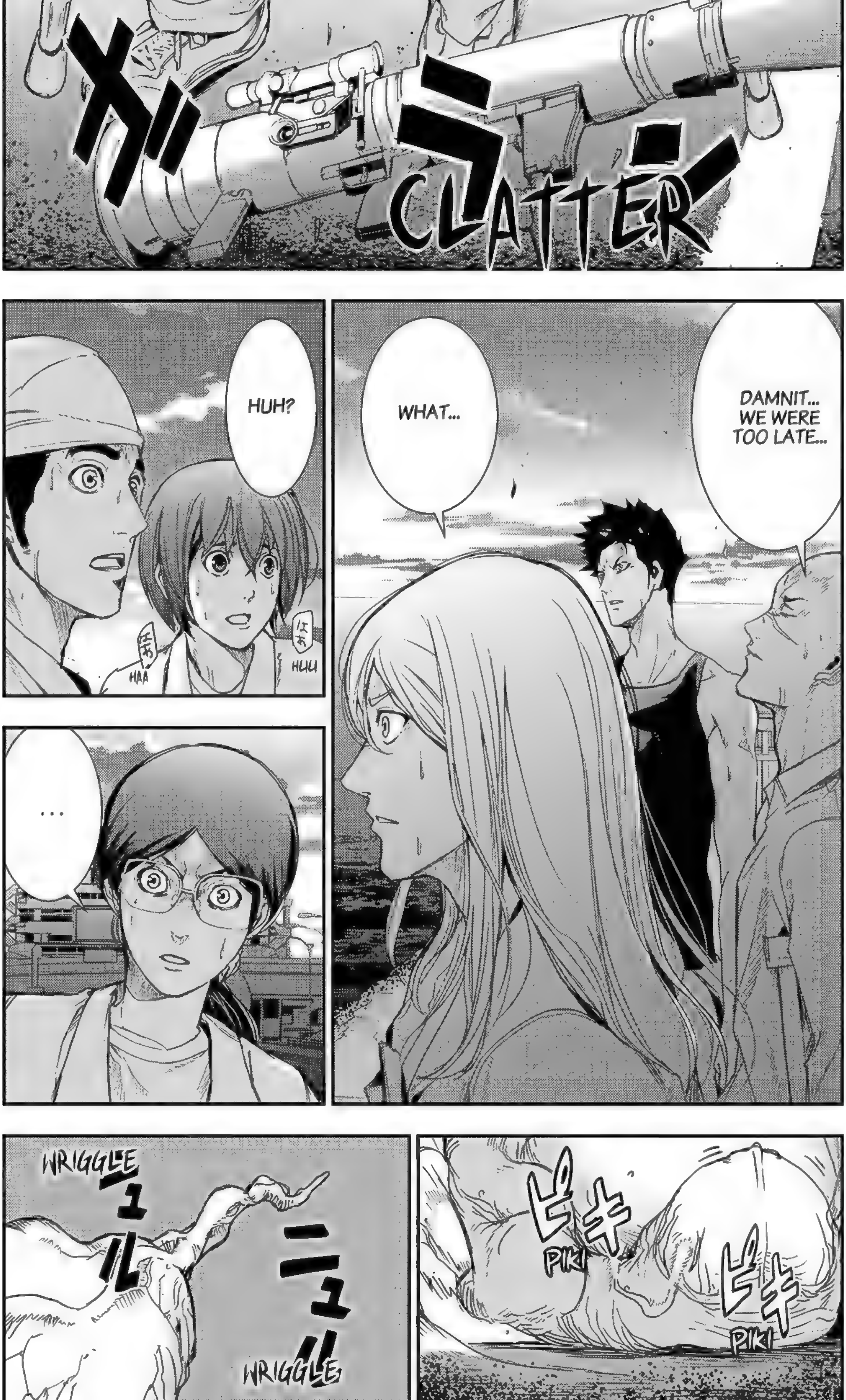

HOLY SHIT...
YOSHIOKAAA!
WUH?
GET IN MY CAR AND GRAB EVERY GUN IN THERE!
HURRY!
WE MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT!


DAKADAKAUL
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
KSSH
KSSH
BADADADADA
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
?!
OUTTA MY WAY!


FFFFUUU-
!!
SHEEEOOO
KABOOOOOM


DID YOU GET IT?!
KHH
KHH
KHH
NUOOOOOO




ガラーン
CLATTER
DAMNIT... WE WERE TOO LATE...
WHAT...
HUH?
はぁ
HUU
はぁ
HAA
...
ピキ
PIKI
ピキ
PIKI
ニュル
WRIGGLE
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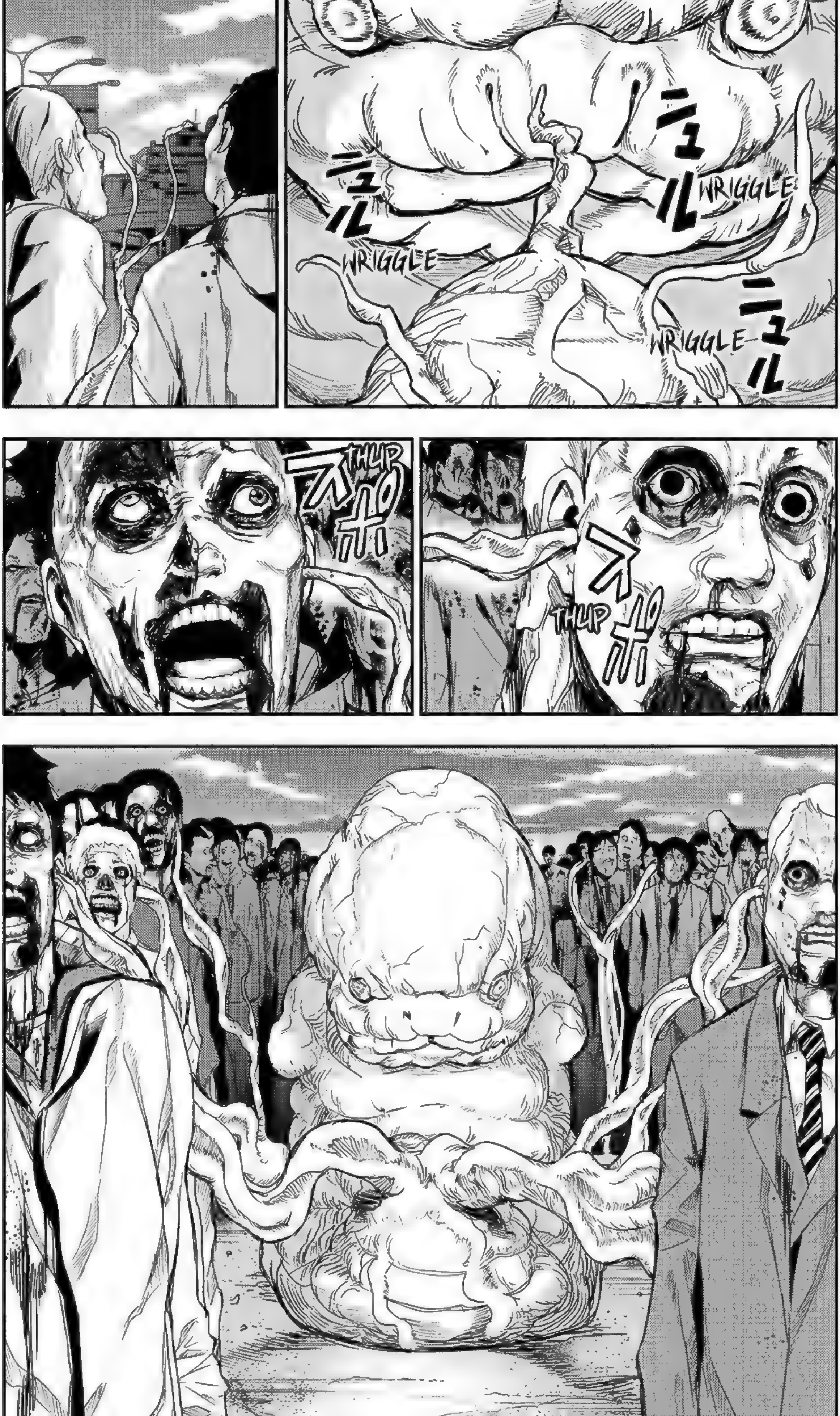
WRIGGLE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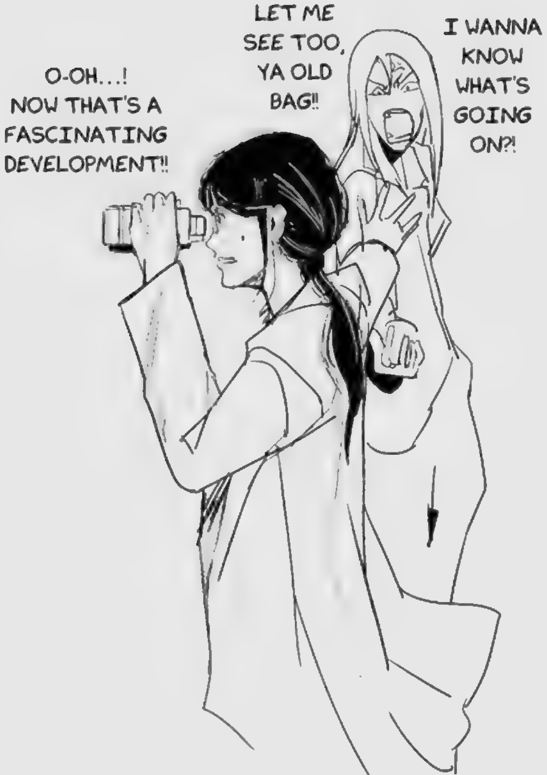
THUP


I WANNA KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?!
LET ME SEE TOO, YA OLD BAG!!
O-OH...! NOW THAT'S A FASCINATING DEVELOPMENT!!

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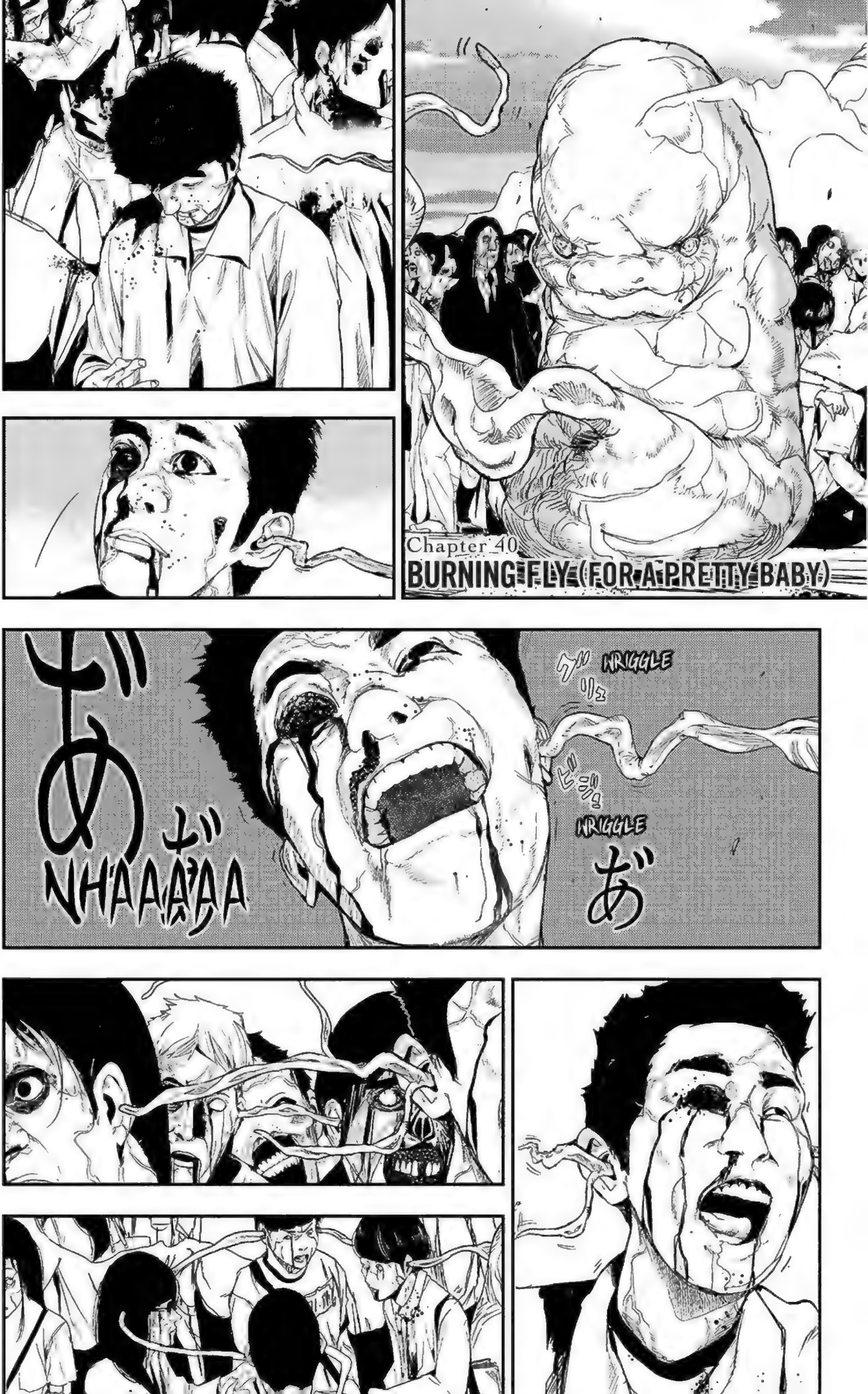
BURNING FLY (FOR A PRETTY BABY)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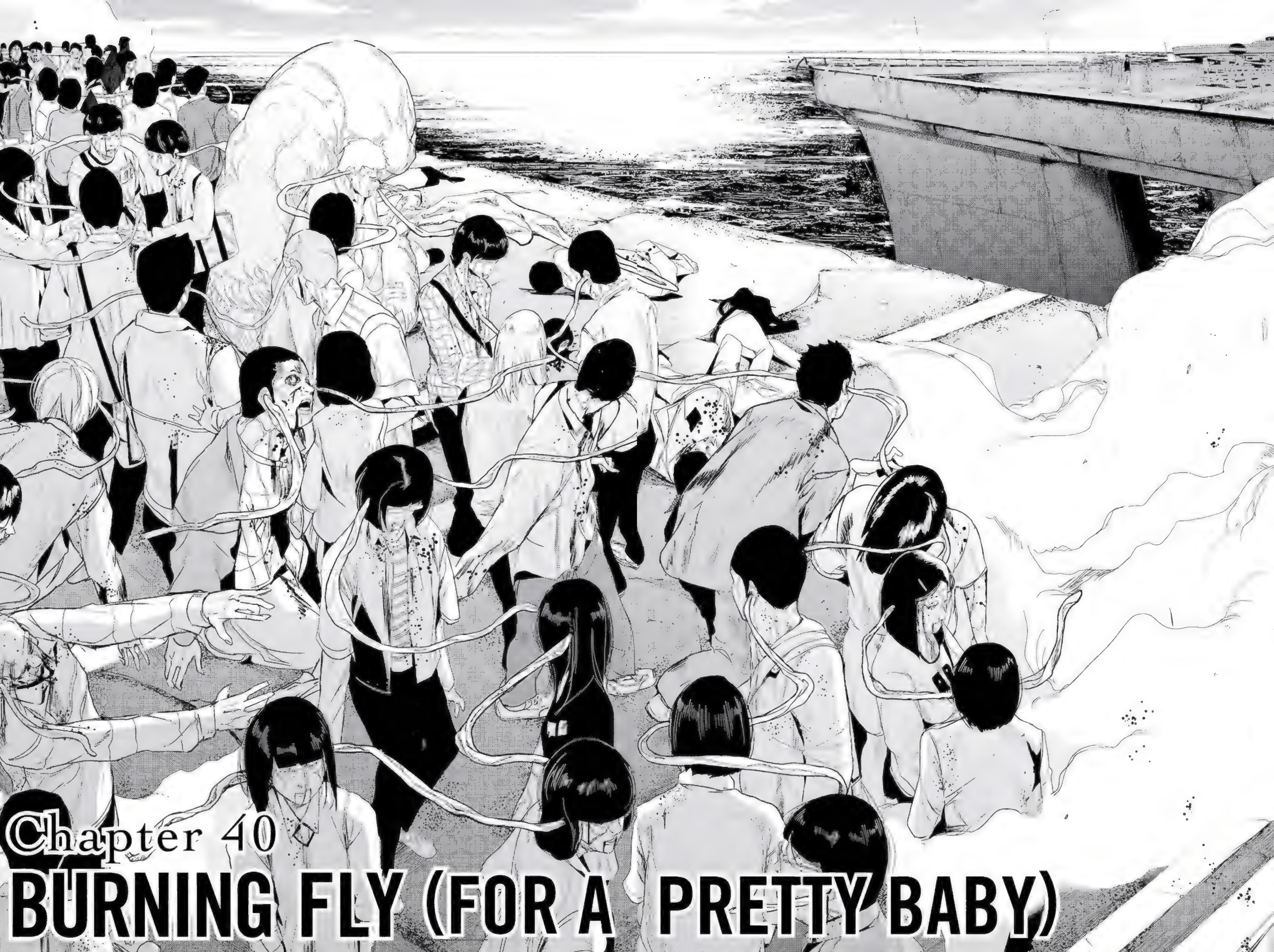

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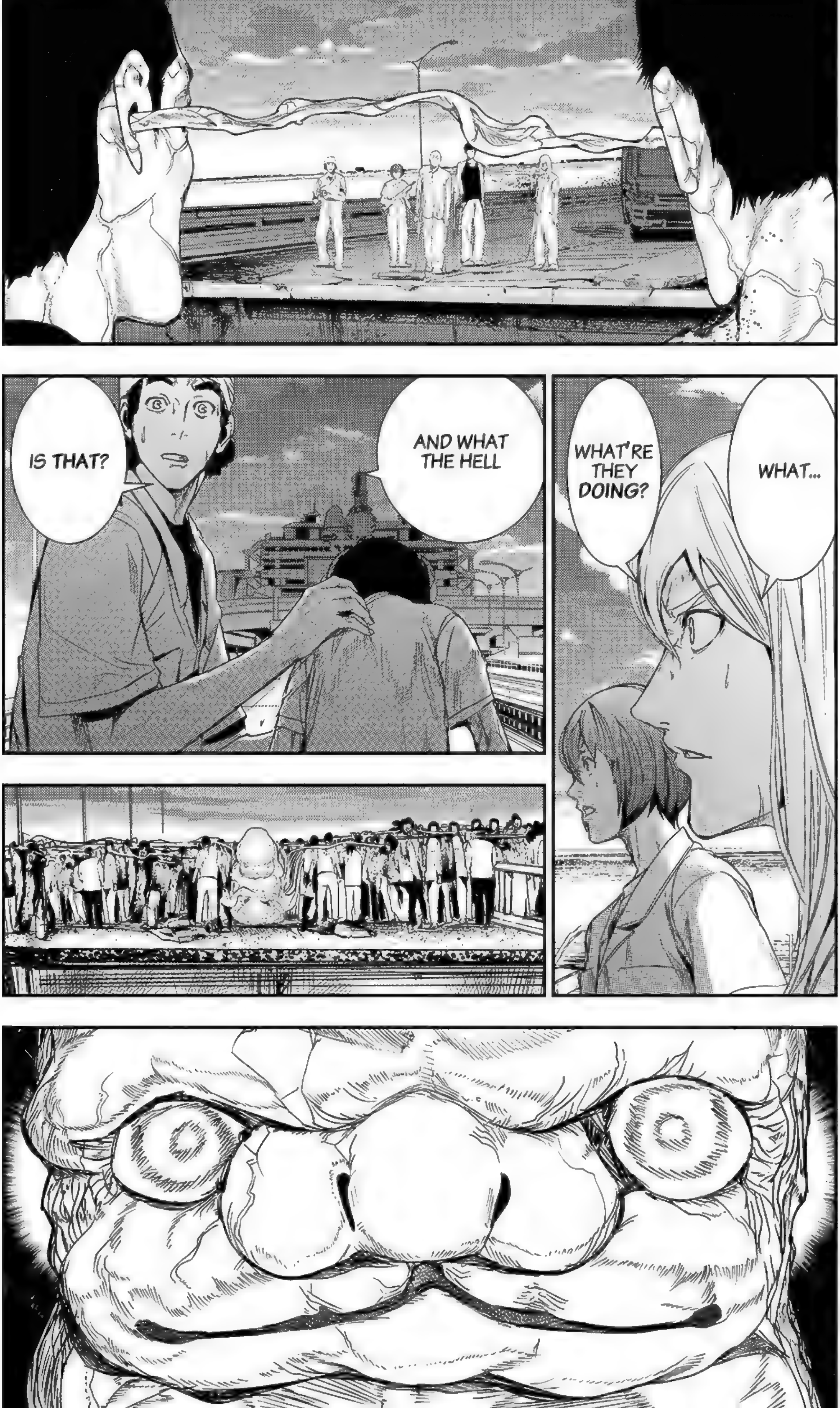
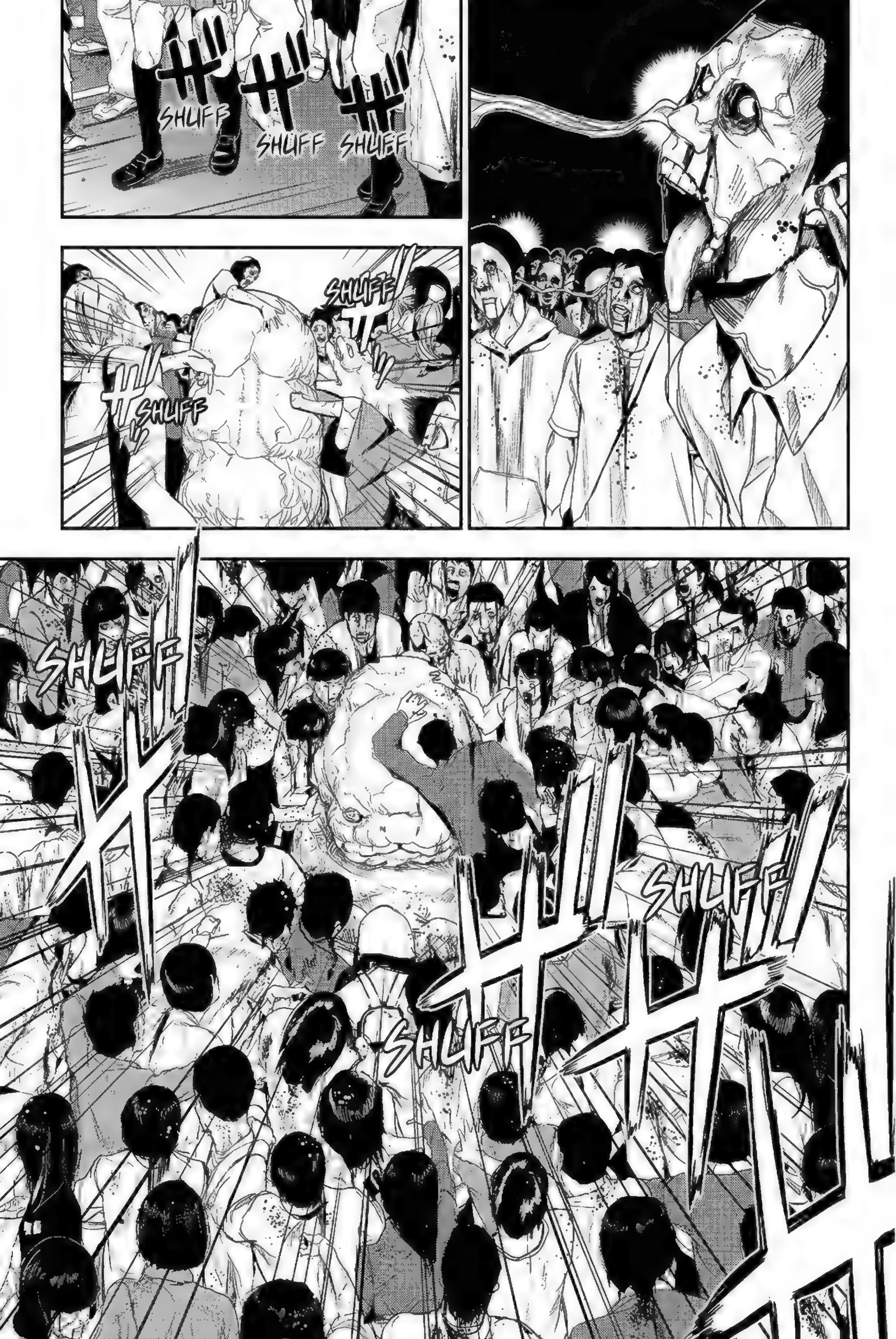

WHAT...
WHAT'RE THEY DOING?
AND WHAT THE HELL
IS THAT?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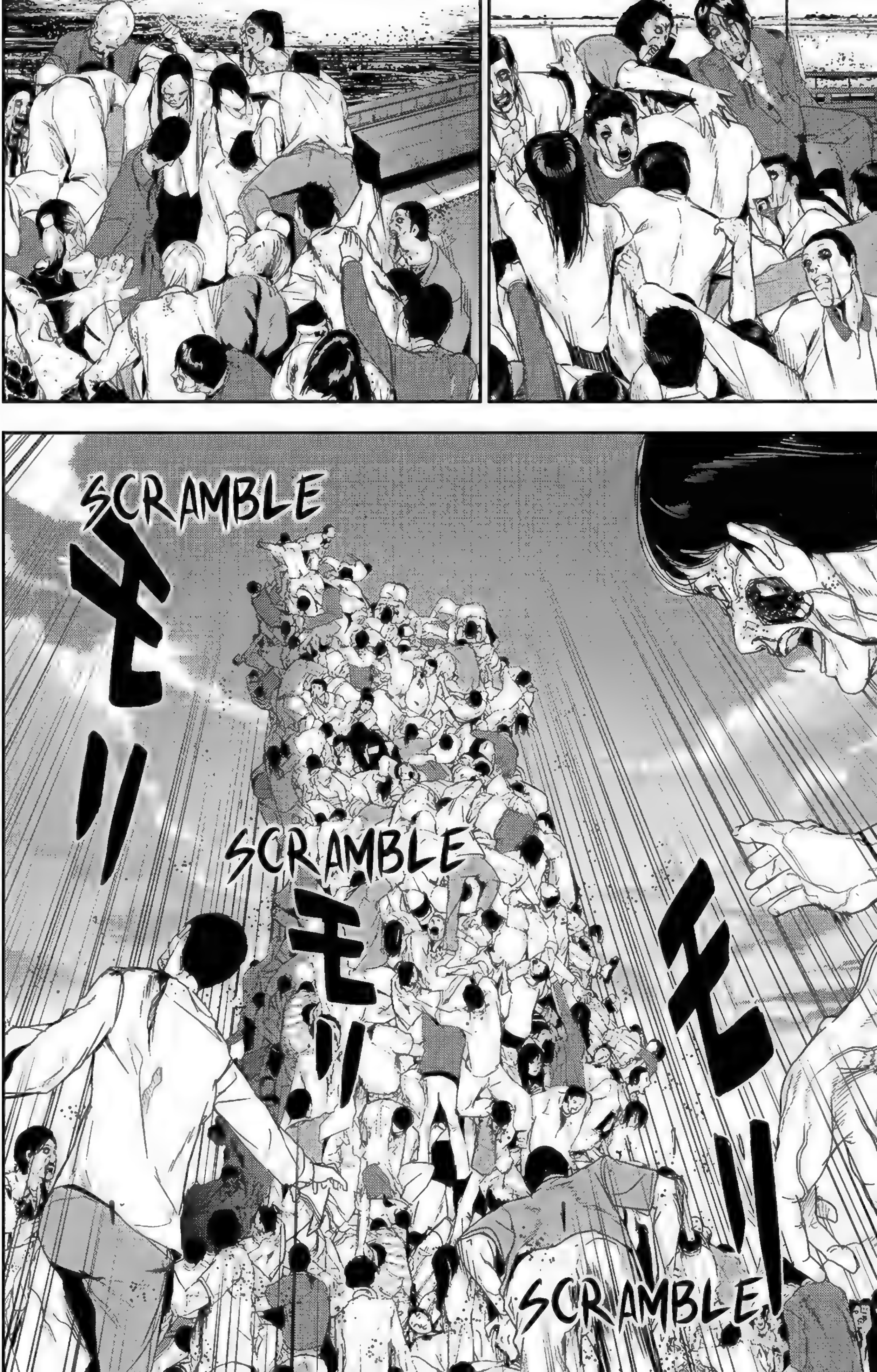
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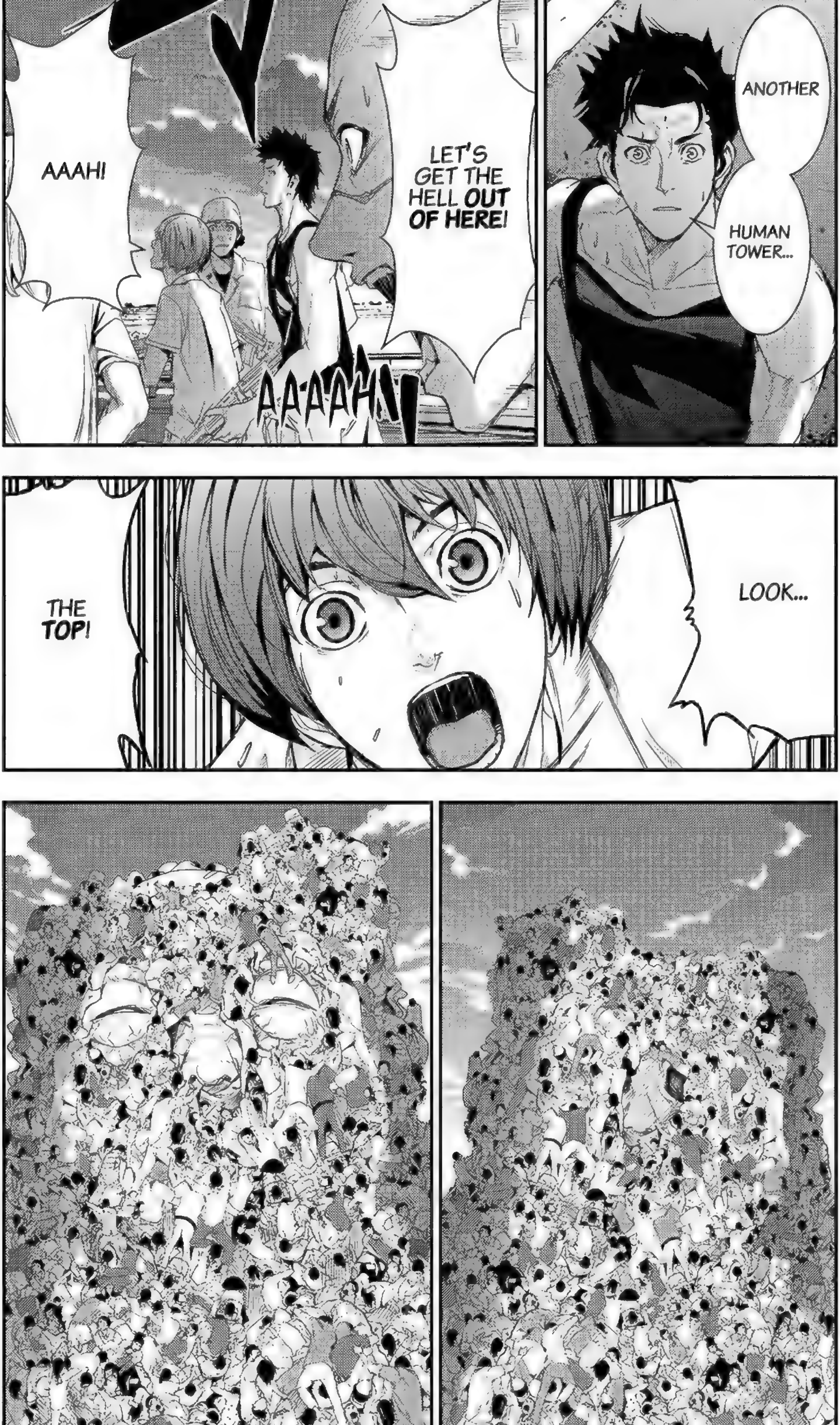
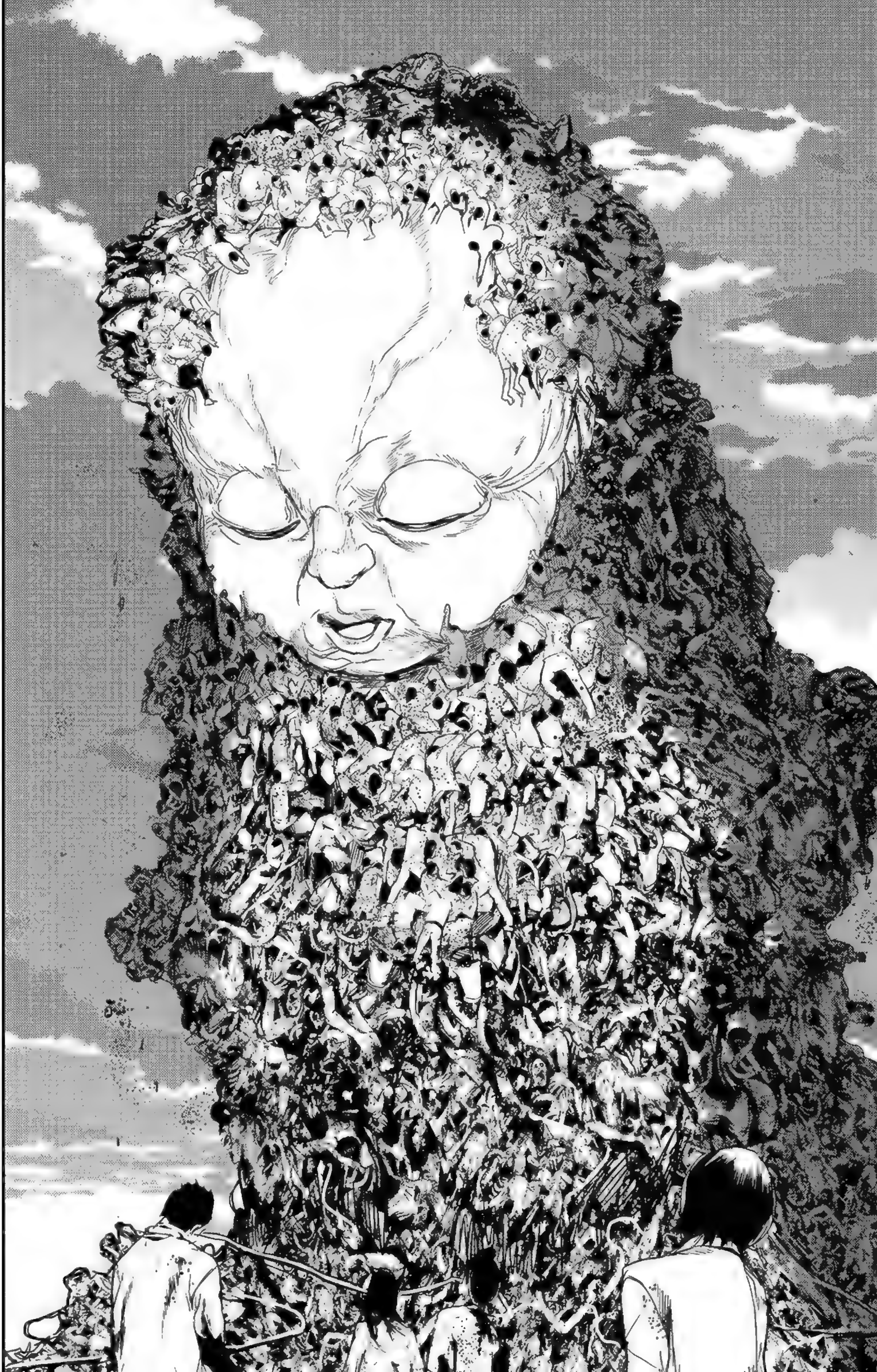
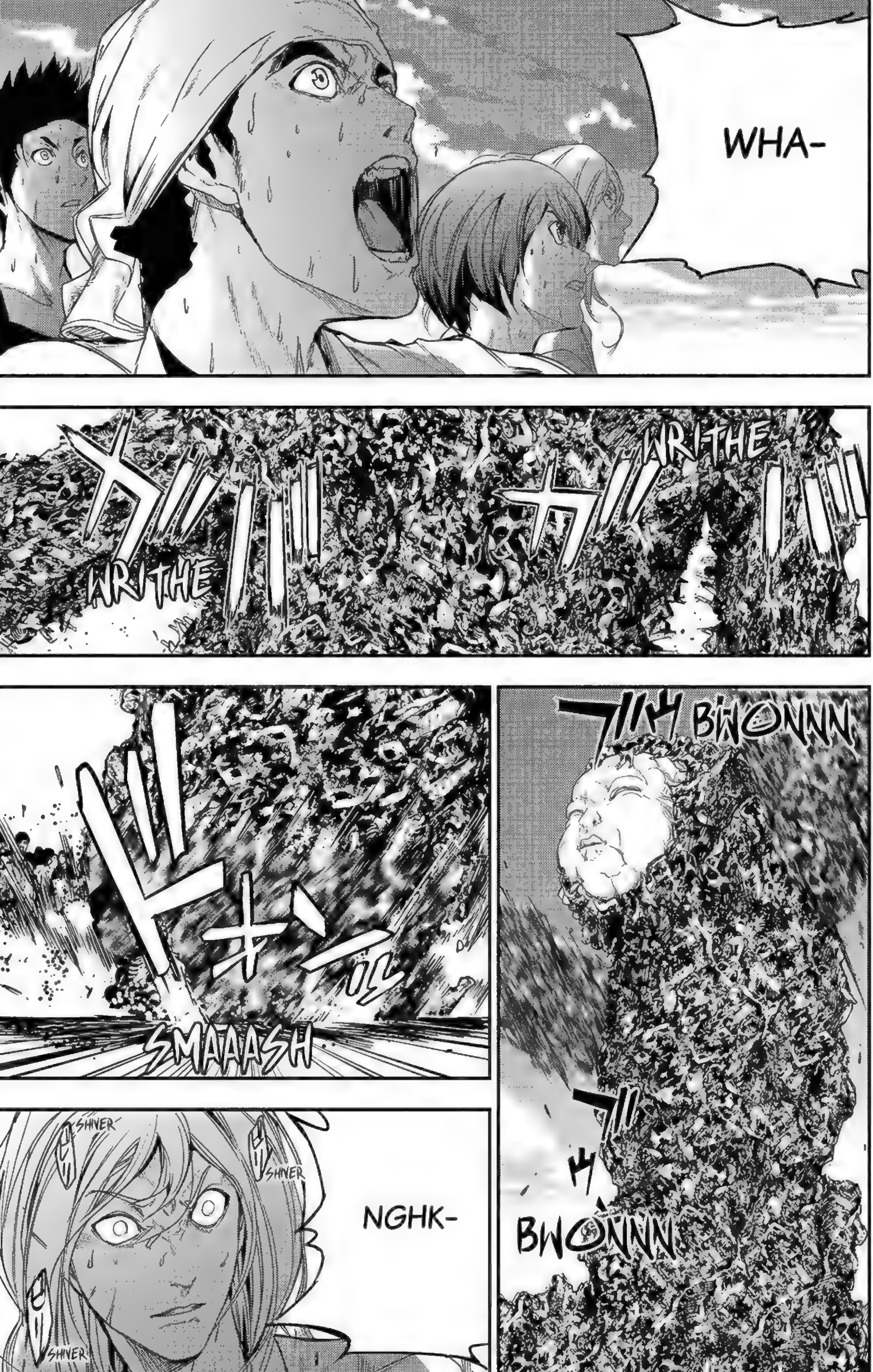
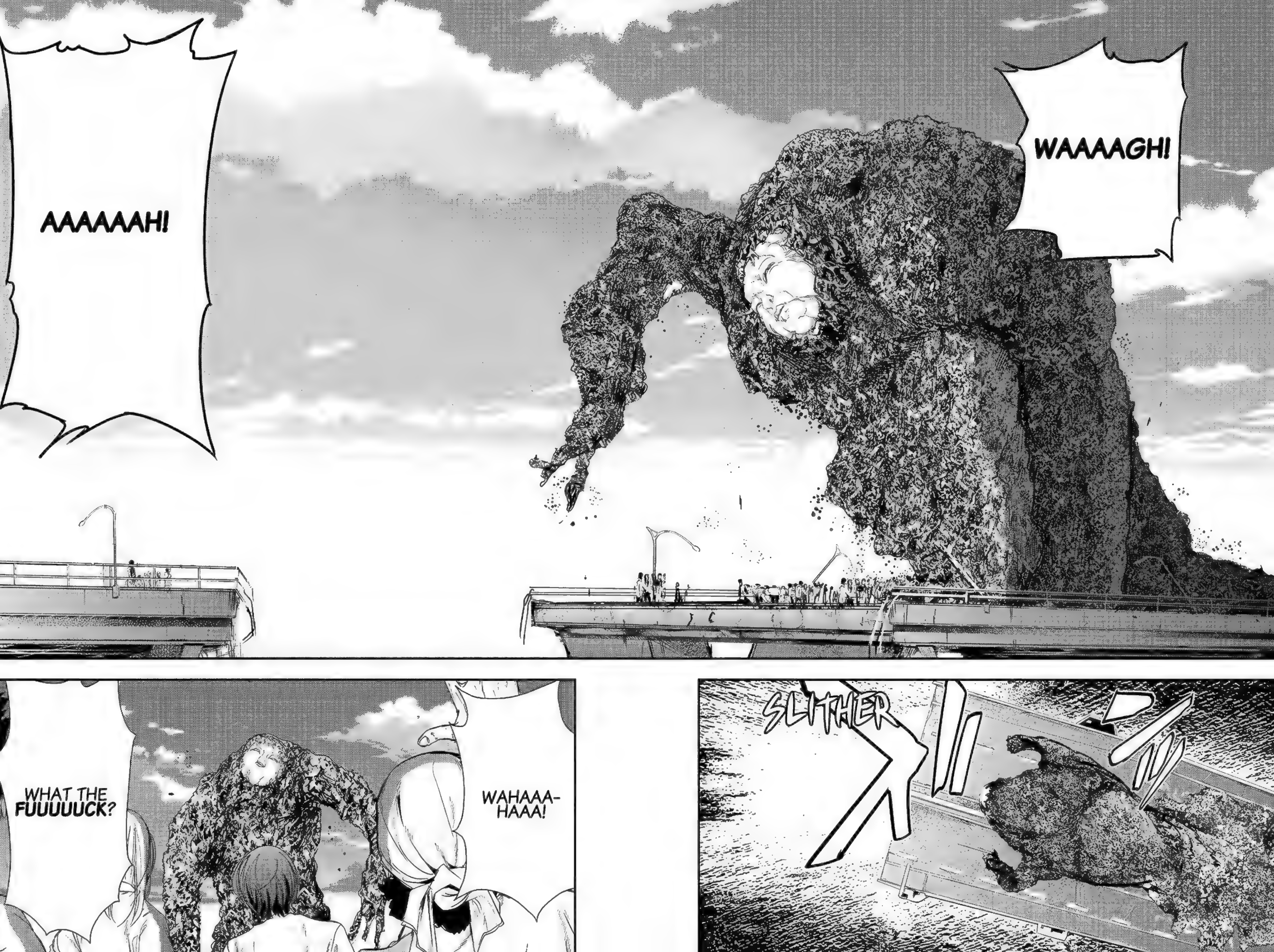
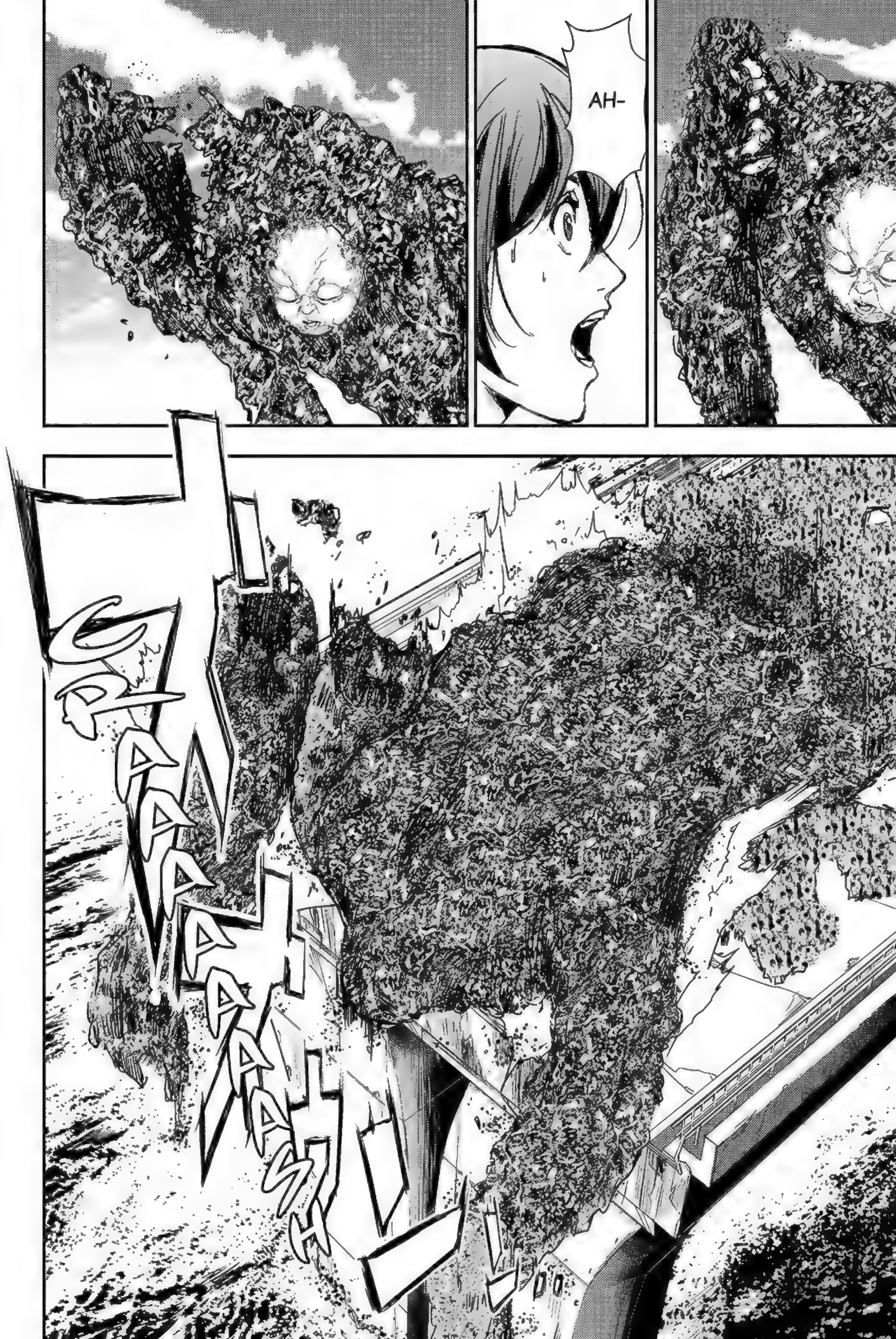
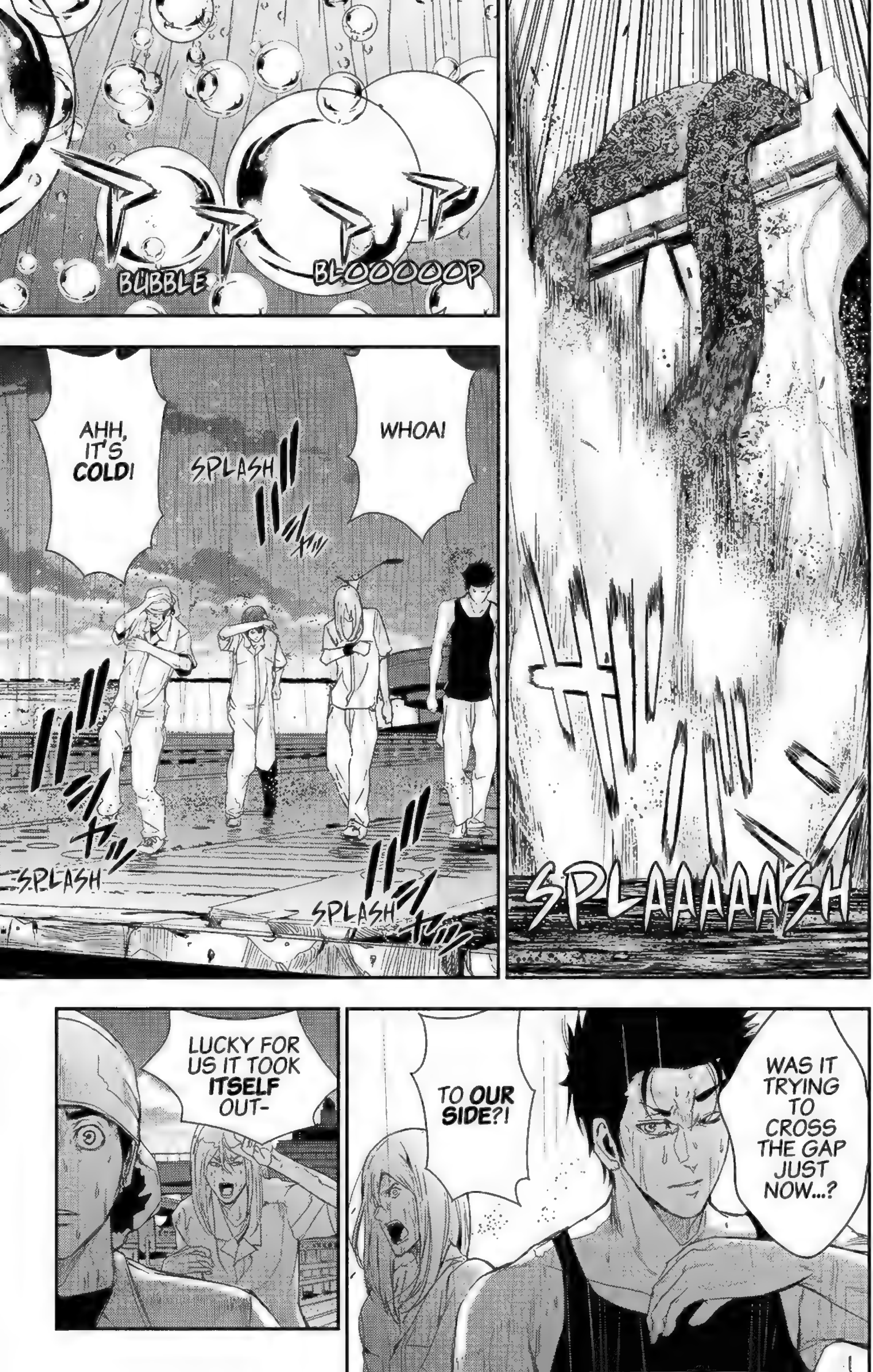

ANOTHER HUMAN TOWER...
LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
AAAAH!
AAAH!
LOOK...
THE TOP!

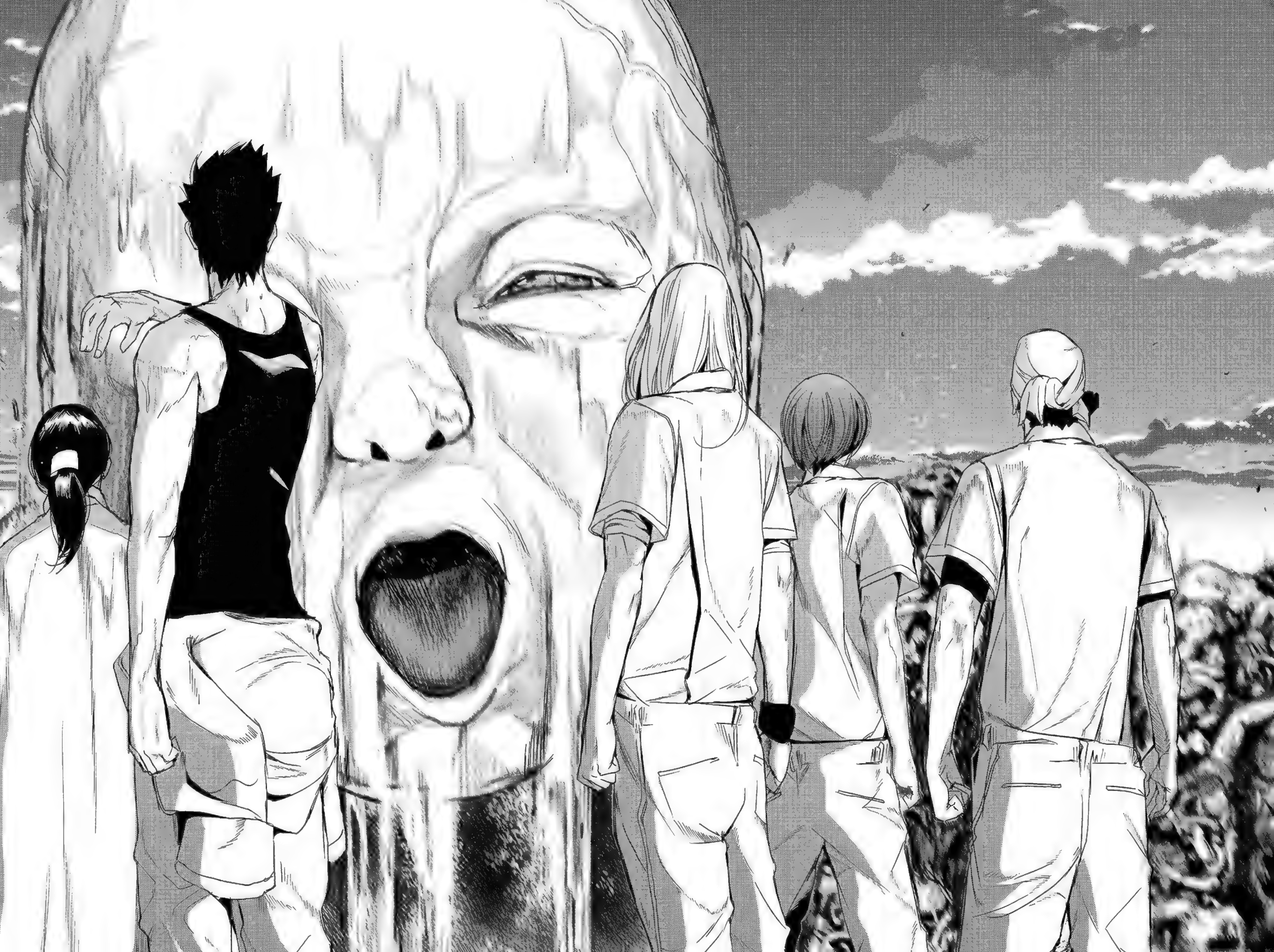


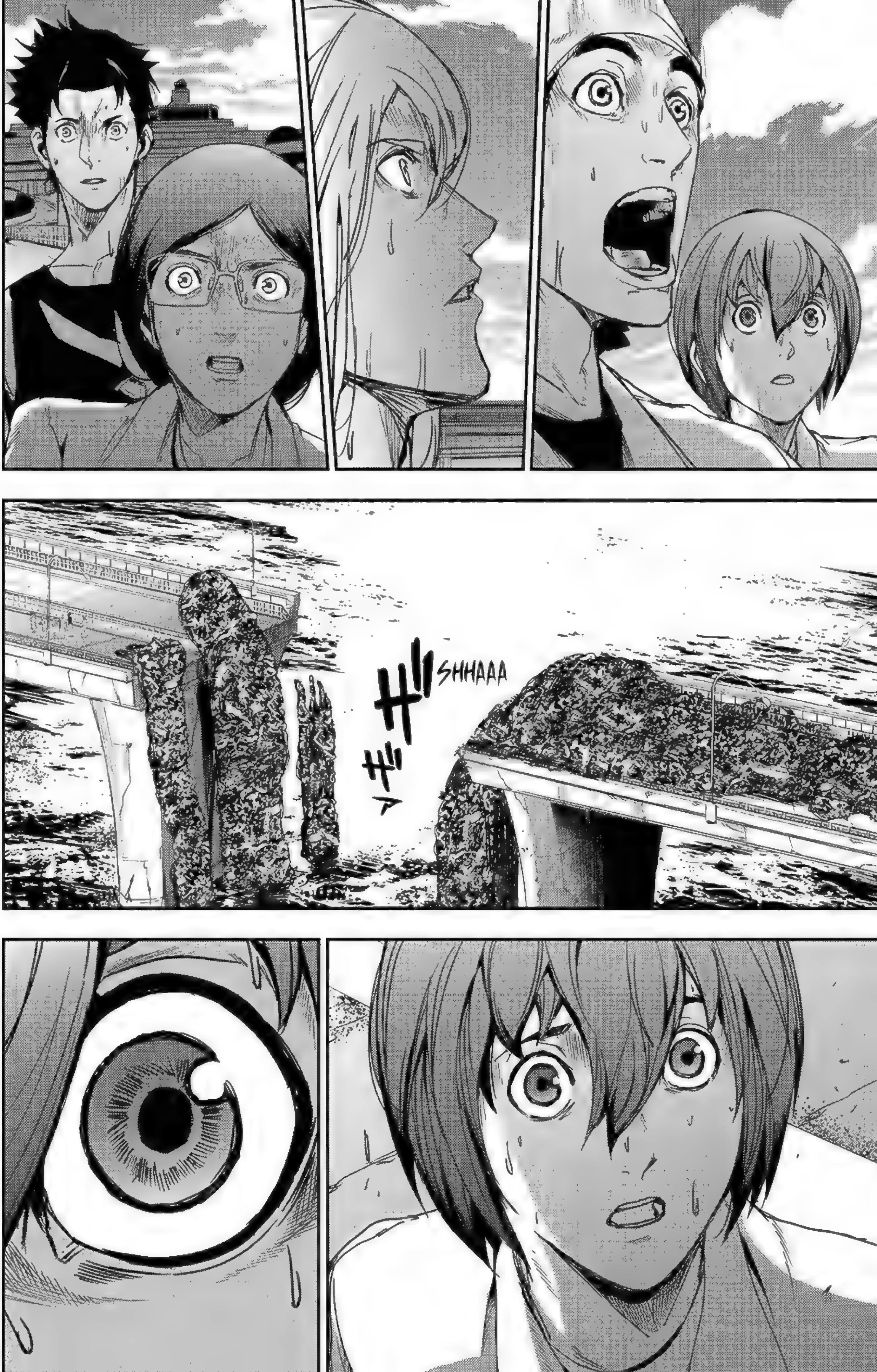

WHA-
WRITHE
WRITHE
BWONNN
BWONNN
SMAAASH
SHIVER
SHIVER
NGHK-
SHIVER

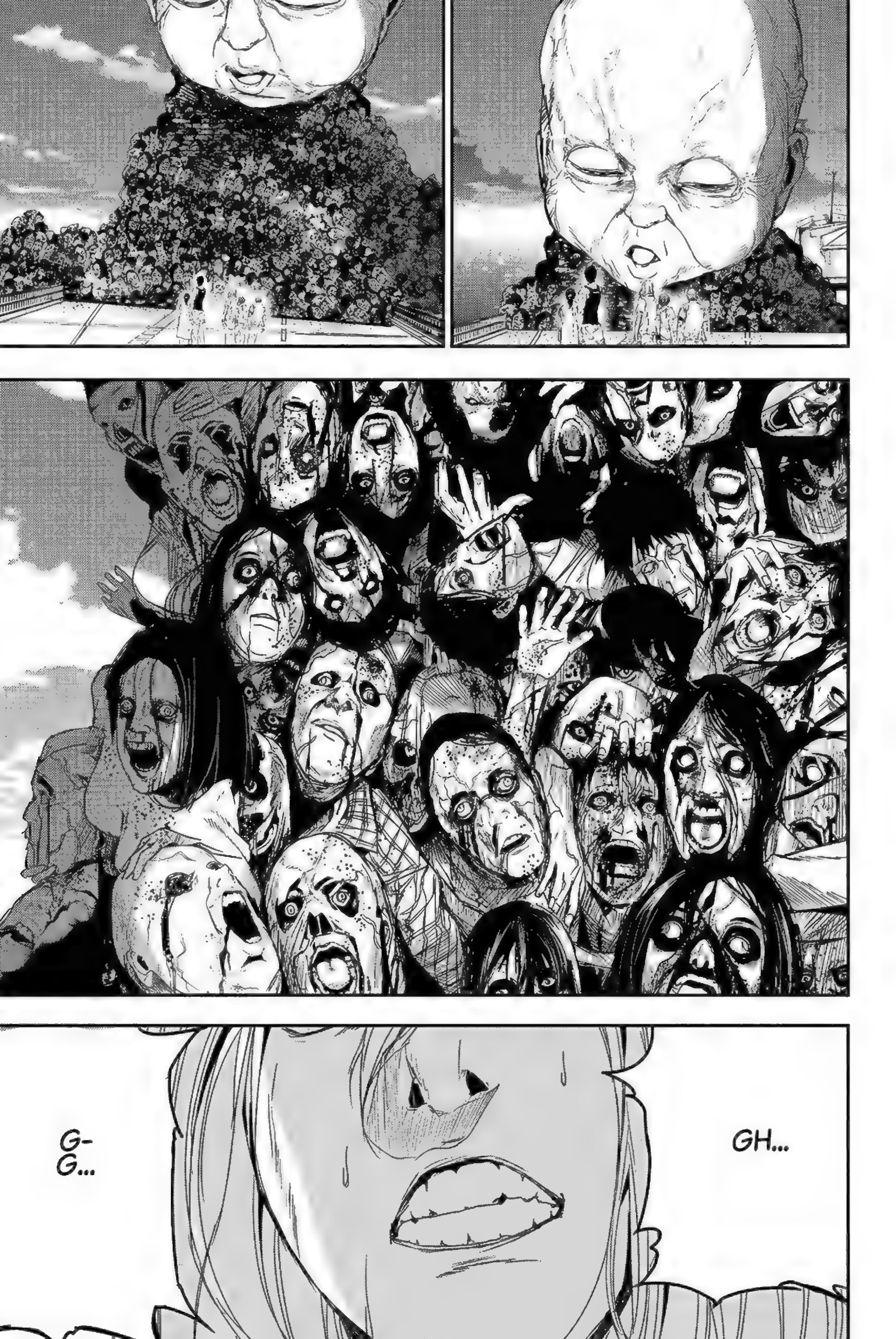

WAAAAGH!
AAAAAAH!
SLITHER
WAHAAA-HAAA!
WHAT THE FUUUUUCK?

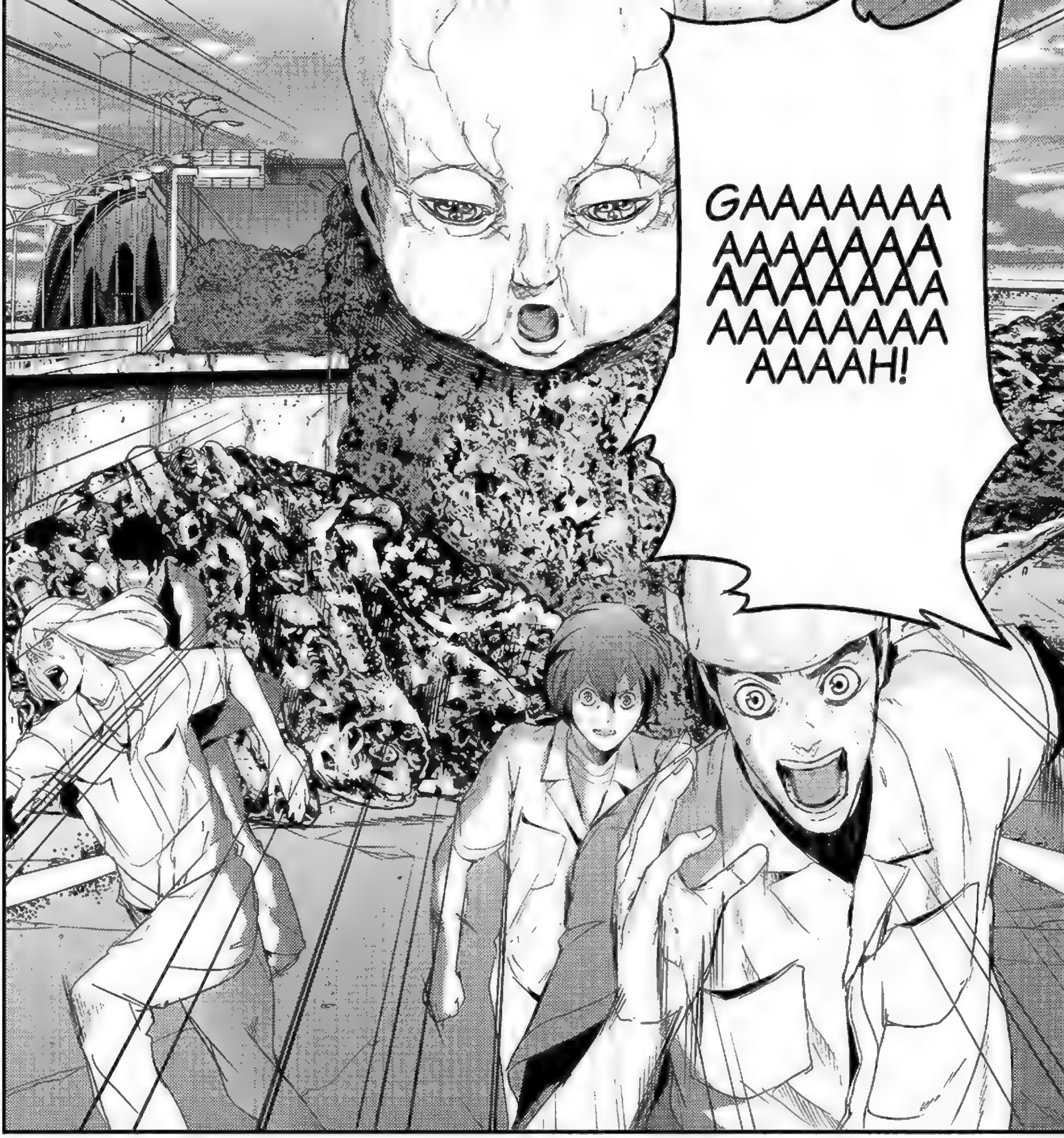

AH-
CRAAAAAASH

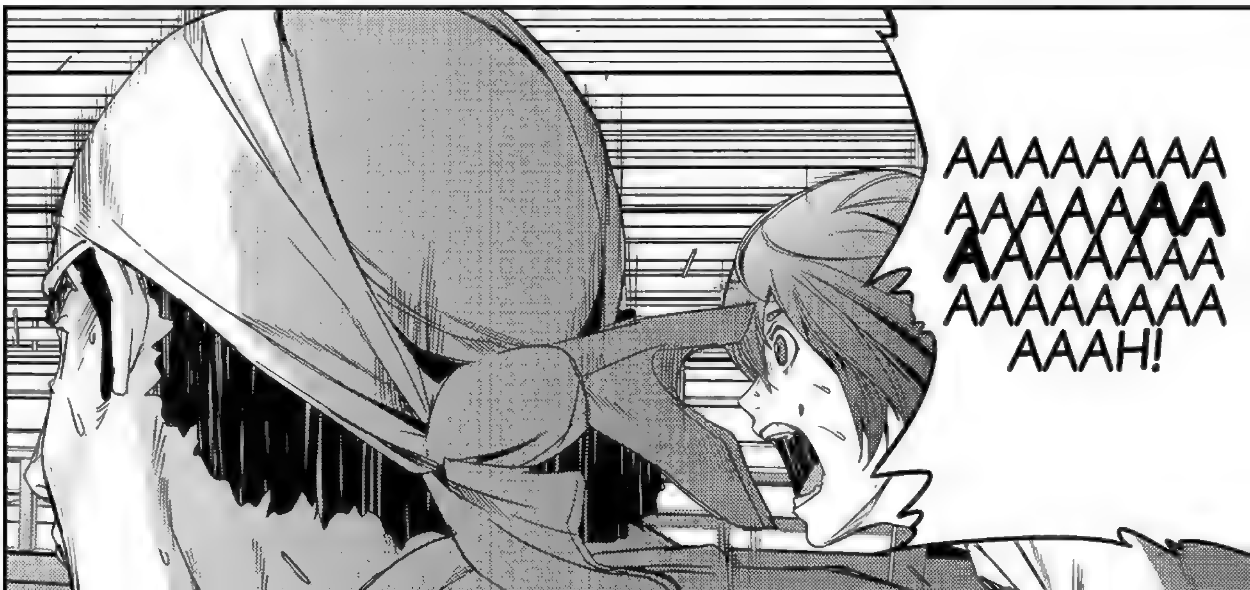

SPLAAAAAASH
BLOOOOOOP
BUBBLE
WHOA!
SPLASH
AHH, IT'S **COLD**!
SPLASH
SPLASH
WAS IT TRYING TO CROSS THE GAP JUST NOW...?
TO **OUR SIDE**?!
LUCKY FOR US IT TOOK **ITSELF** OUT-

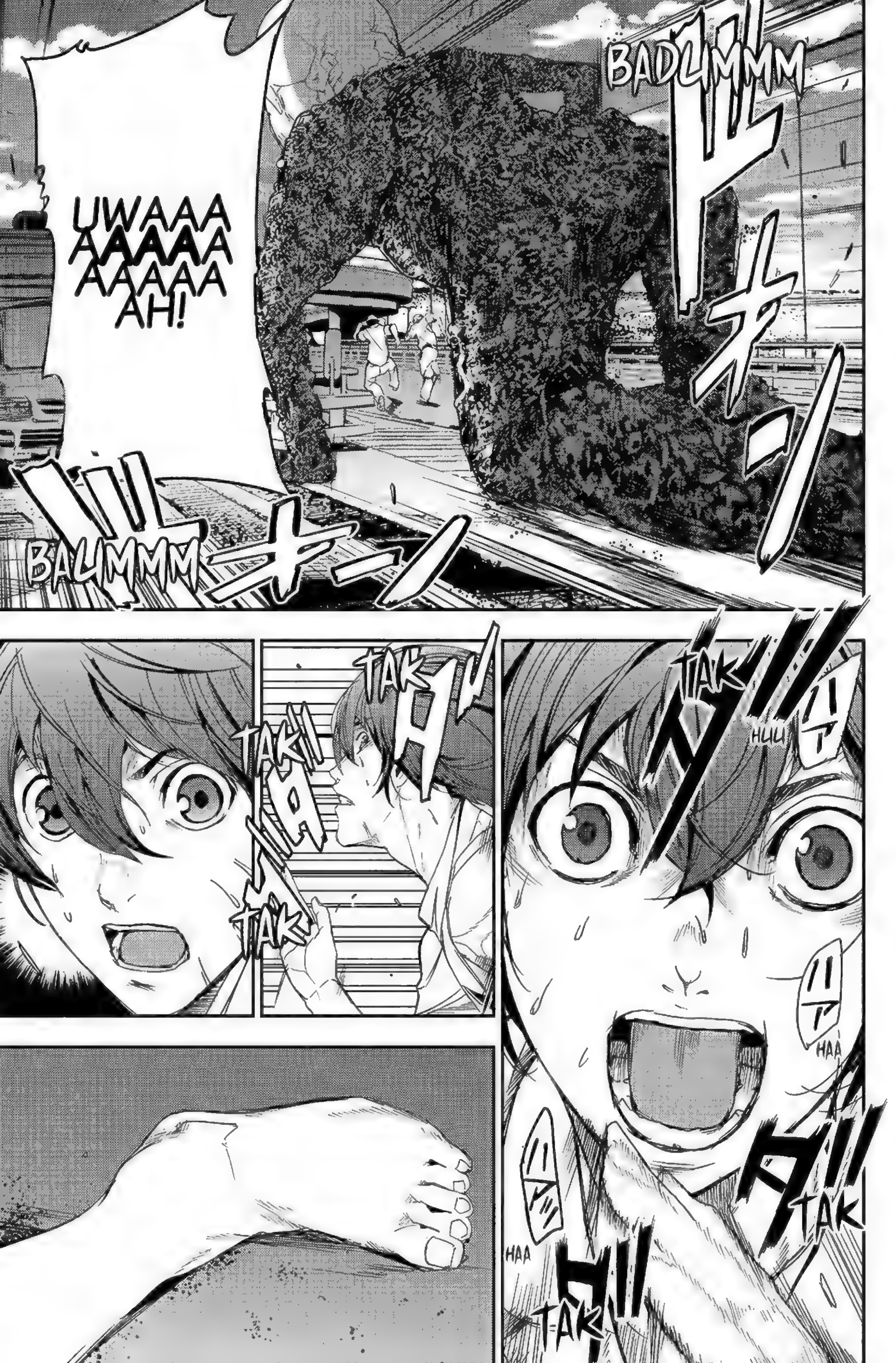


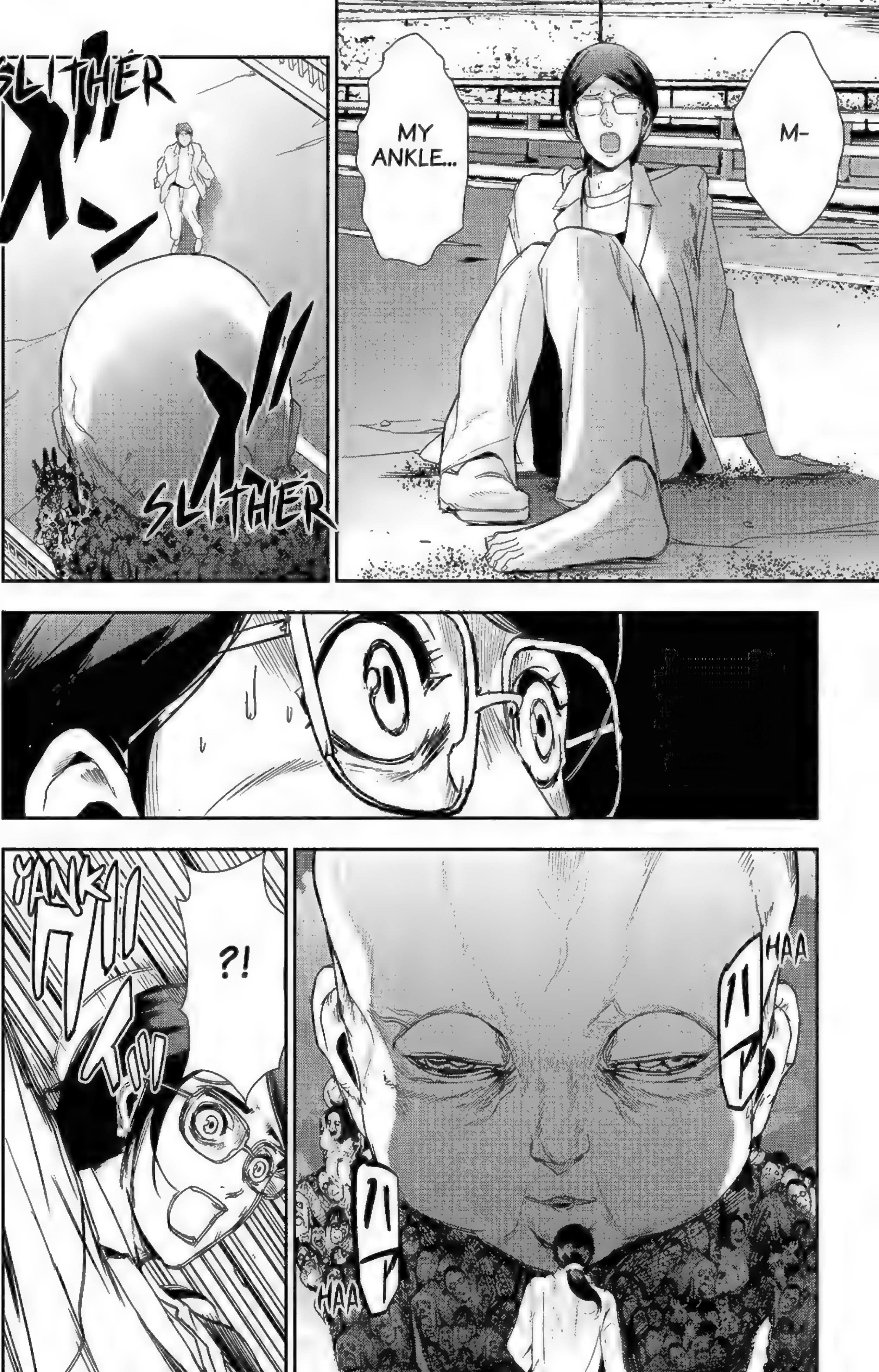

ザザァ
SHHAAA

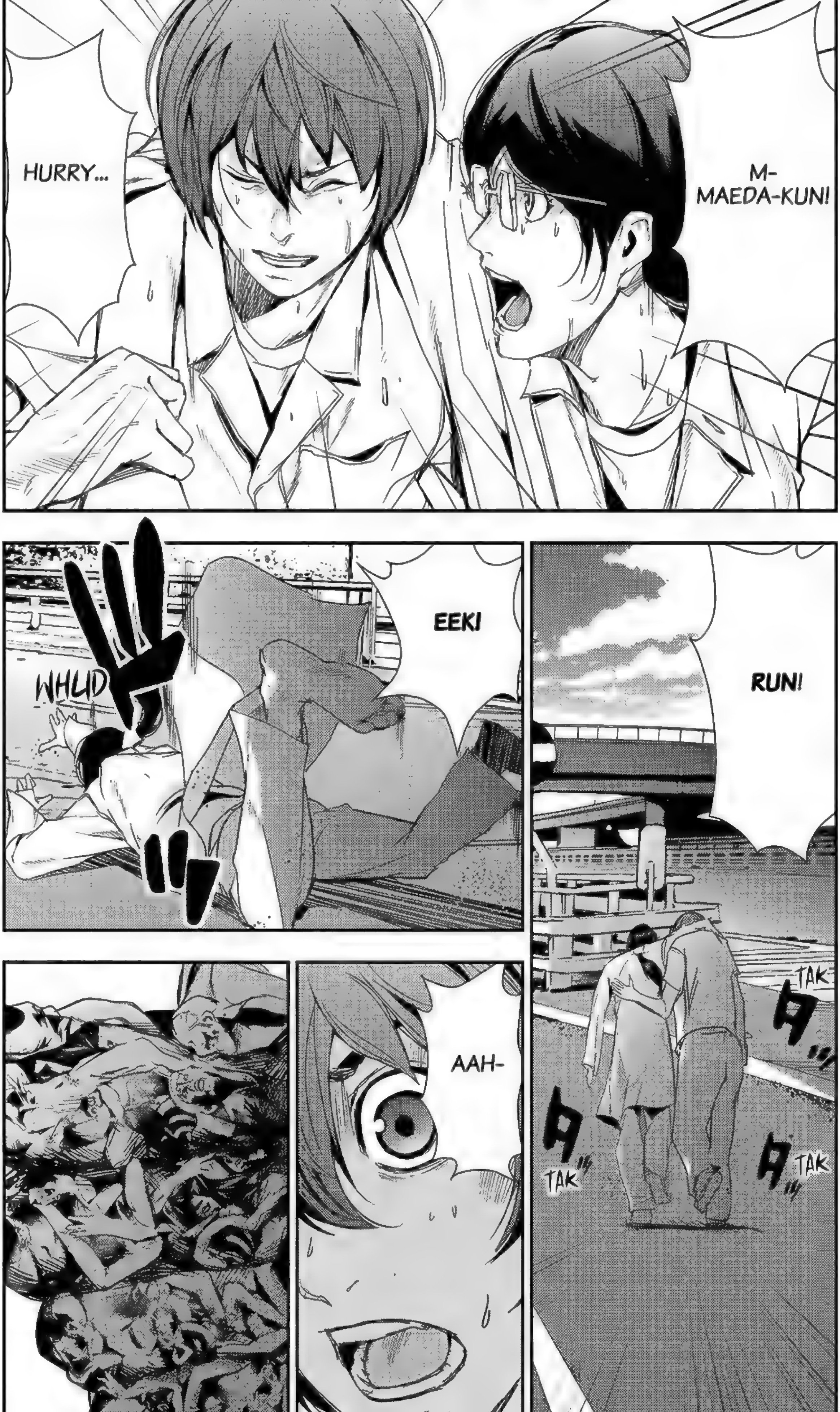

G-
G...
GH...

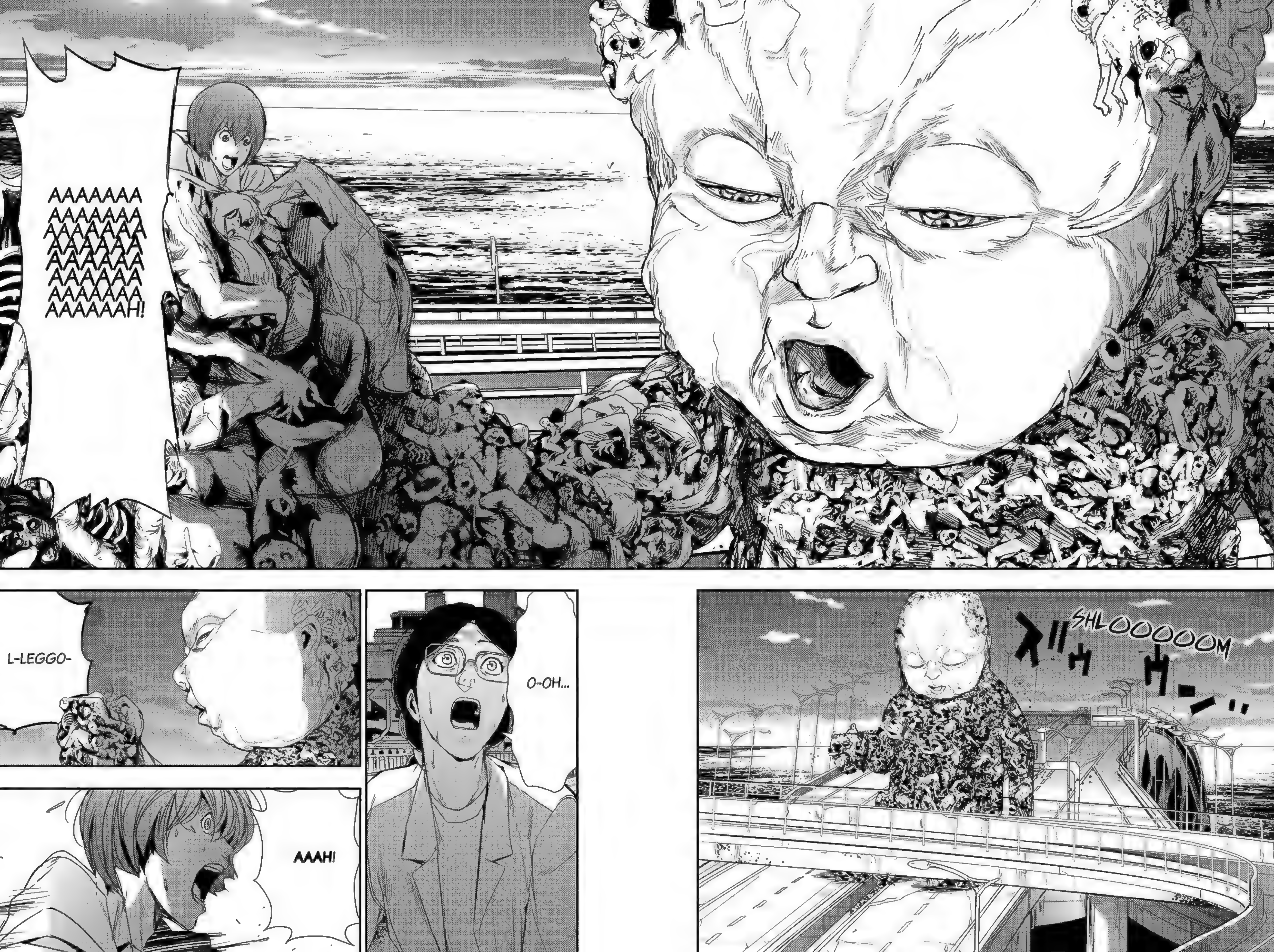

GAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAA AAAAH!

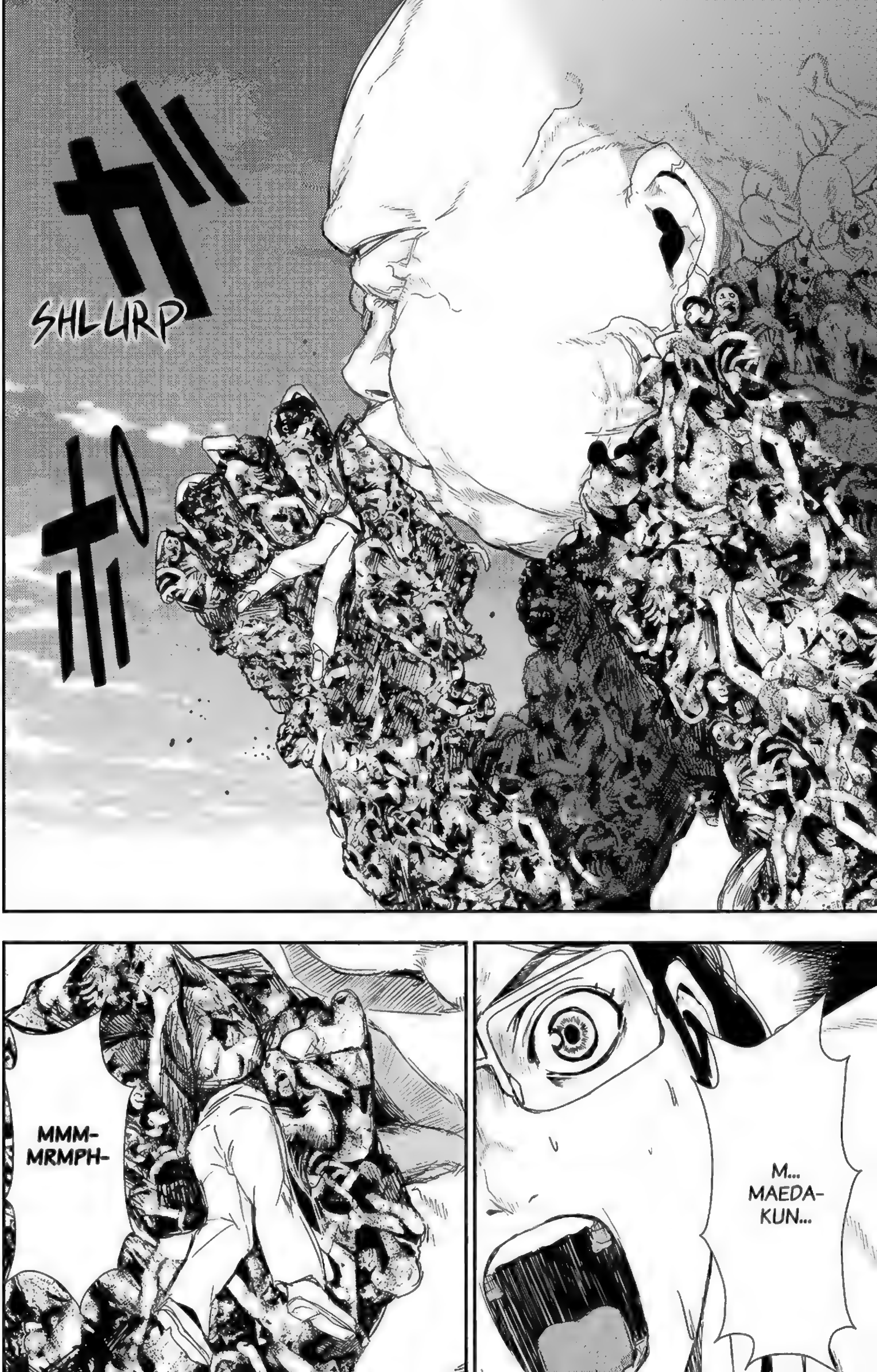

AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAA AAAH!

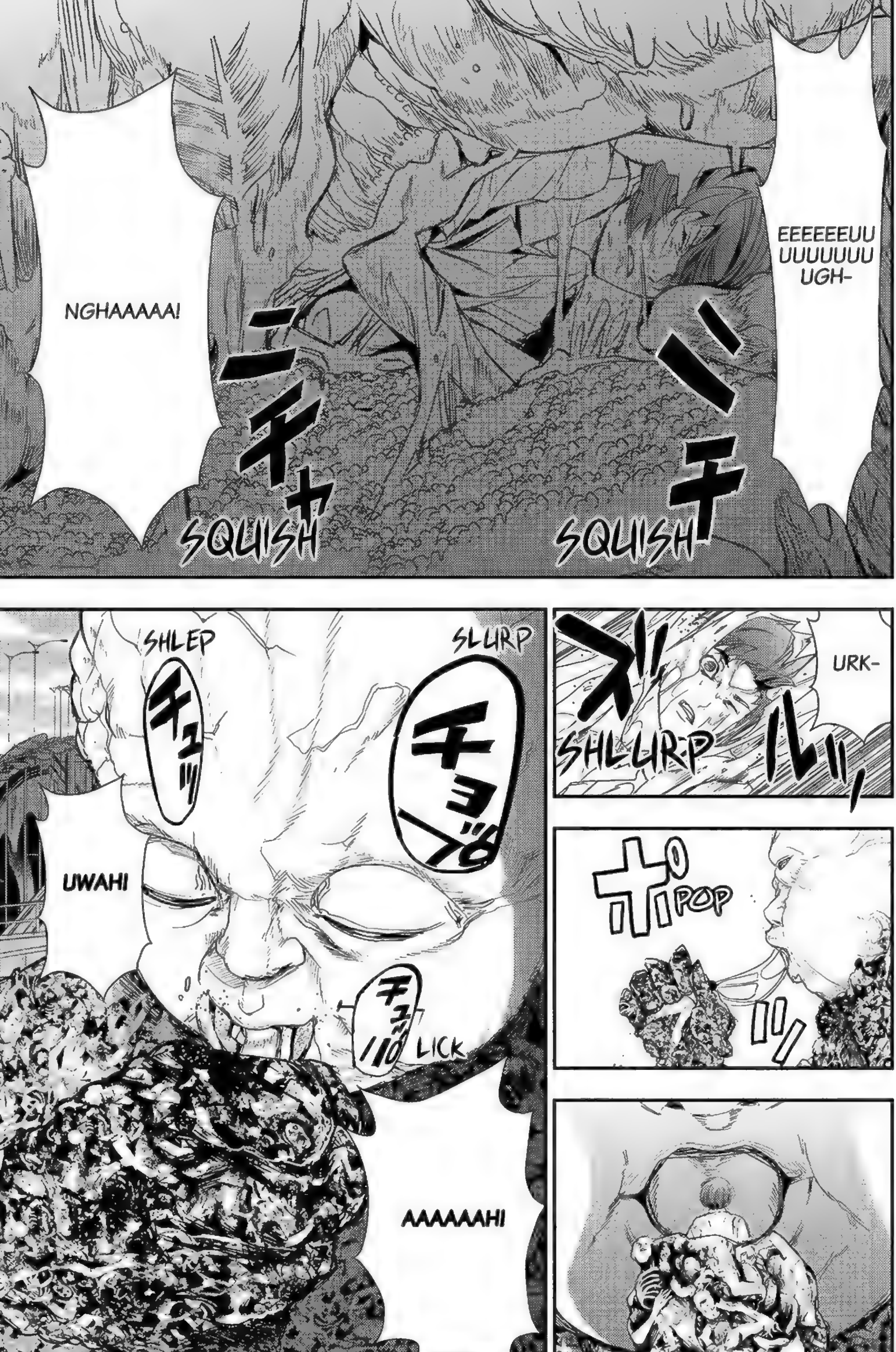

BADUMMMM
UWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!
BAUMMM
TAK
HUU
HAA
TAK
HAA
TAK
TAK
TAK!
TAK

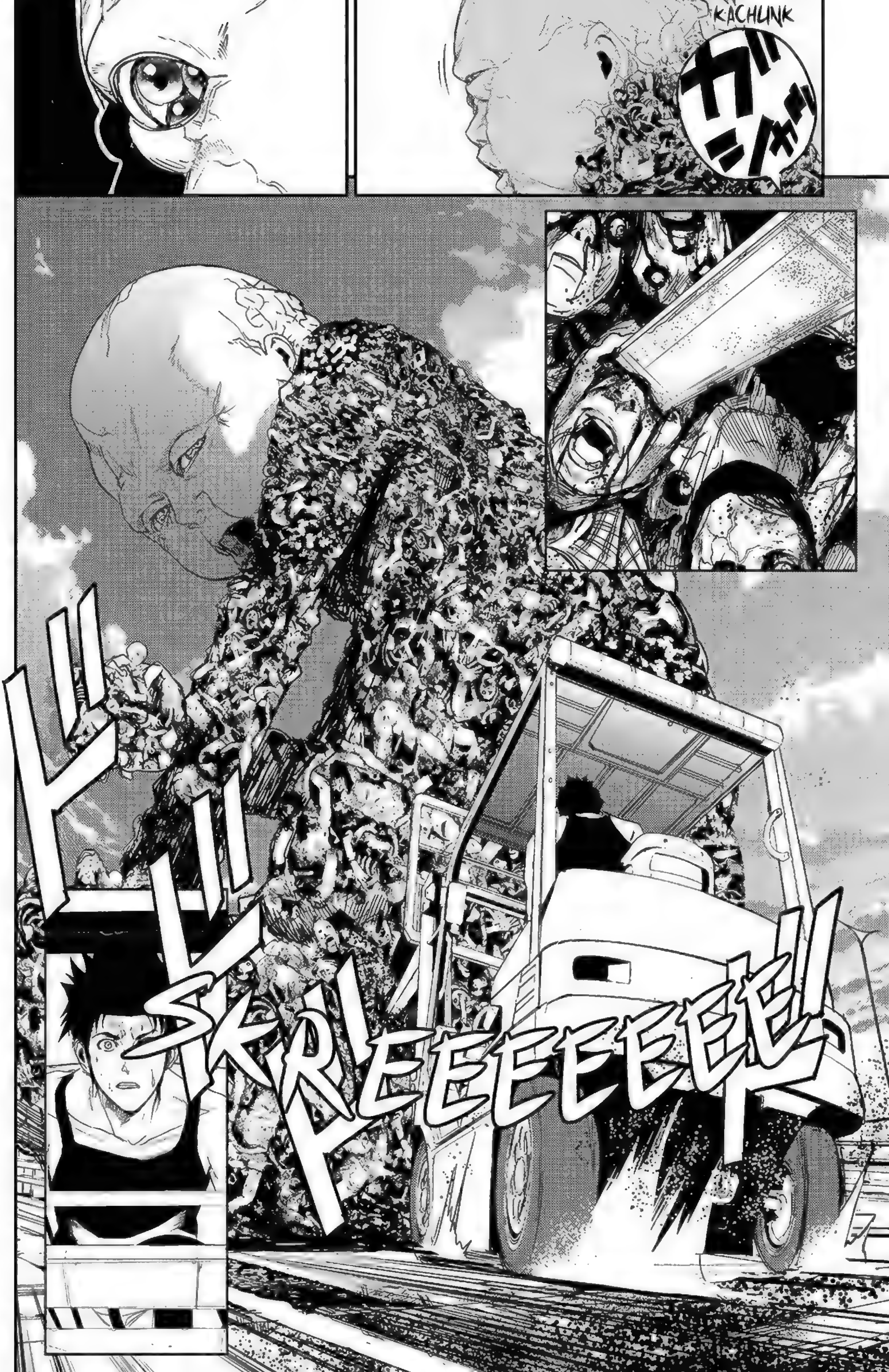

M-
MY ANKLE...
SLITHER
SLITHER
HAA
HAA
YANK!!
?!

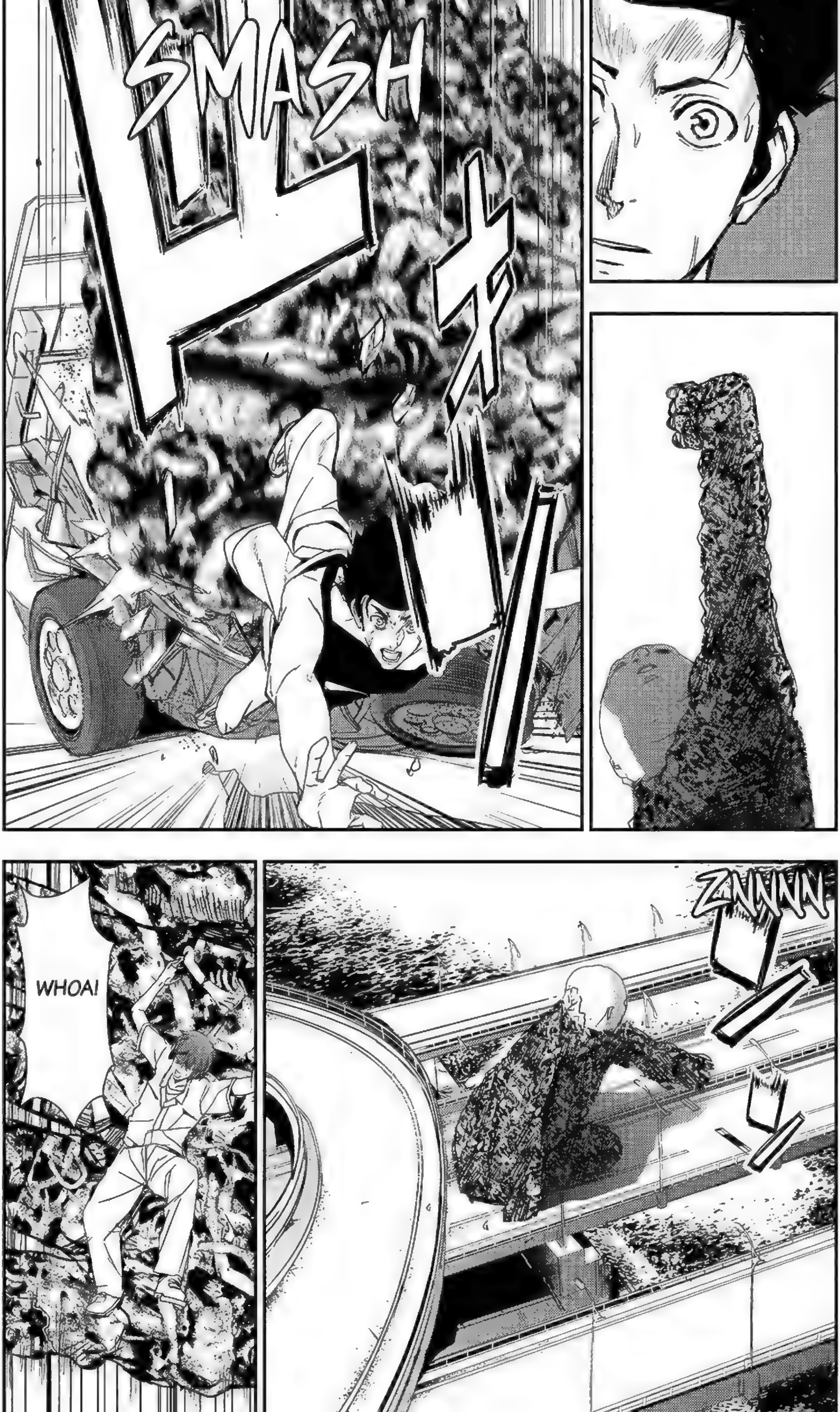

M- MAEDA-KUN!
HURRY...
RUN!
TAK
TAK
TAK
EEK!
WHUD
AAH-

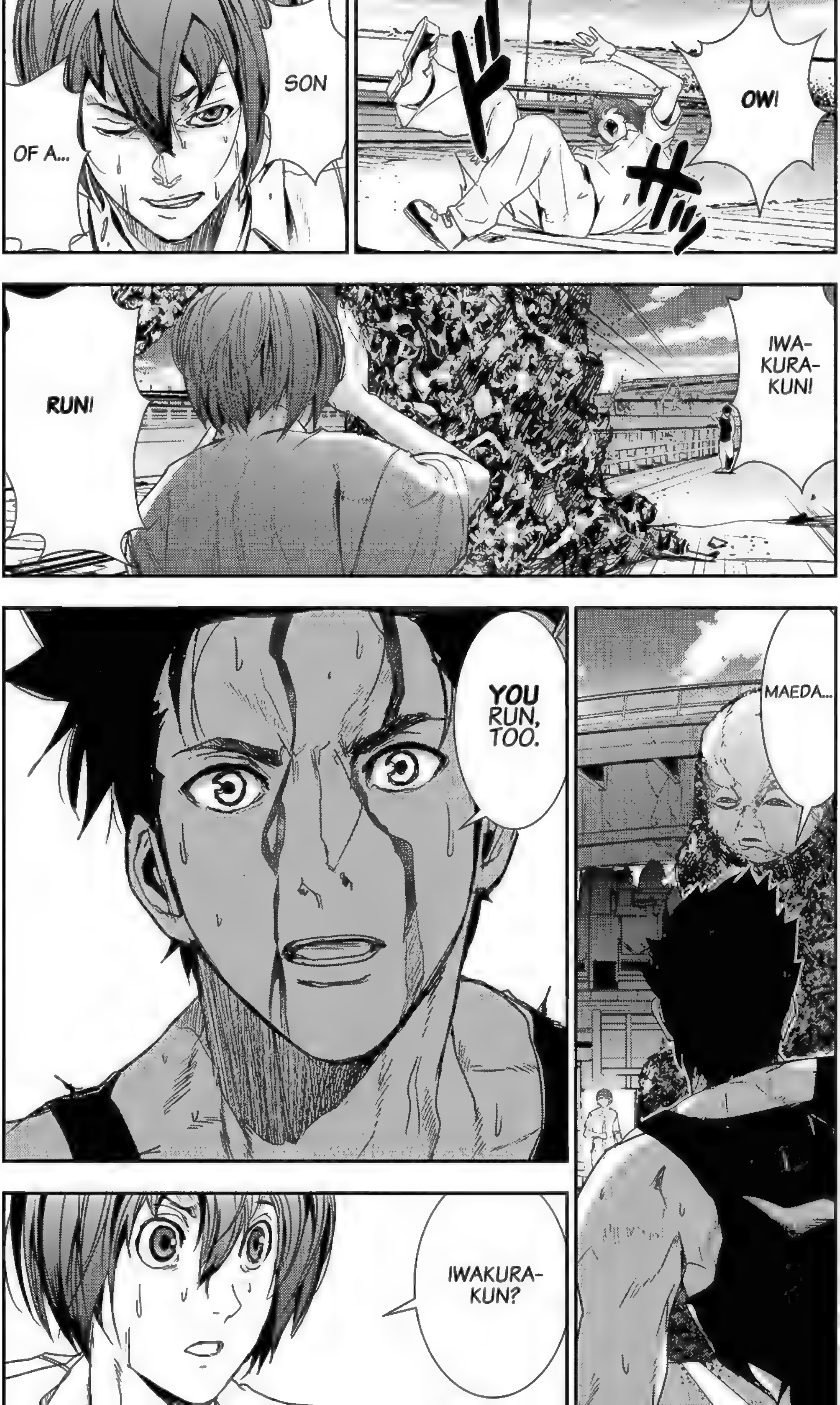

AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAAH!
SHLOOOOOOM
ズリュ
ウーーッ
O-OH...
L-LEGGO-
AAAH!

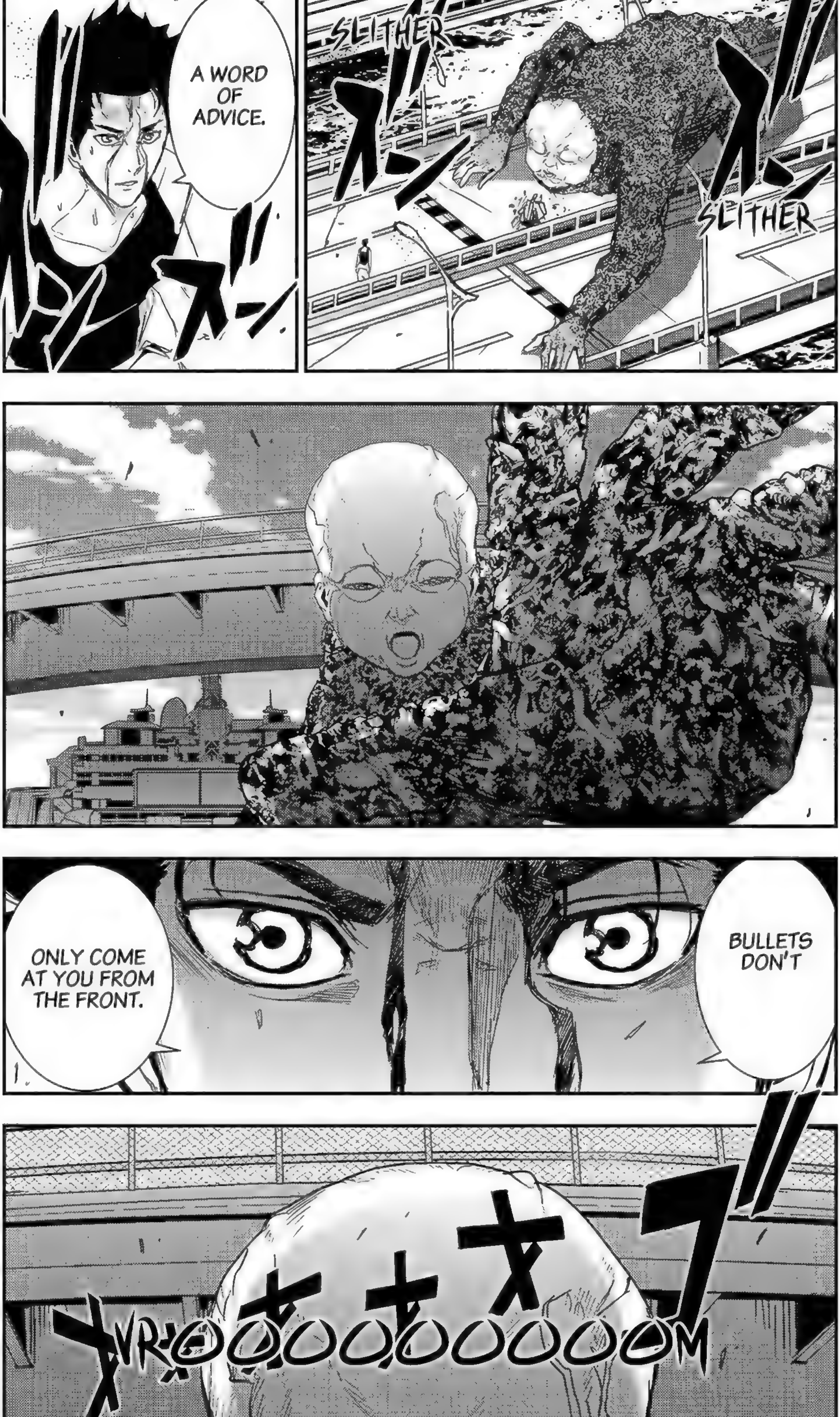

ガ
SHLURP
ポ
M... MAEDA-KUN...
MMM-MRMPH-

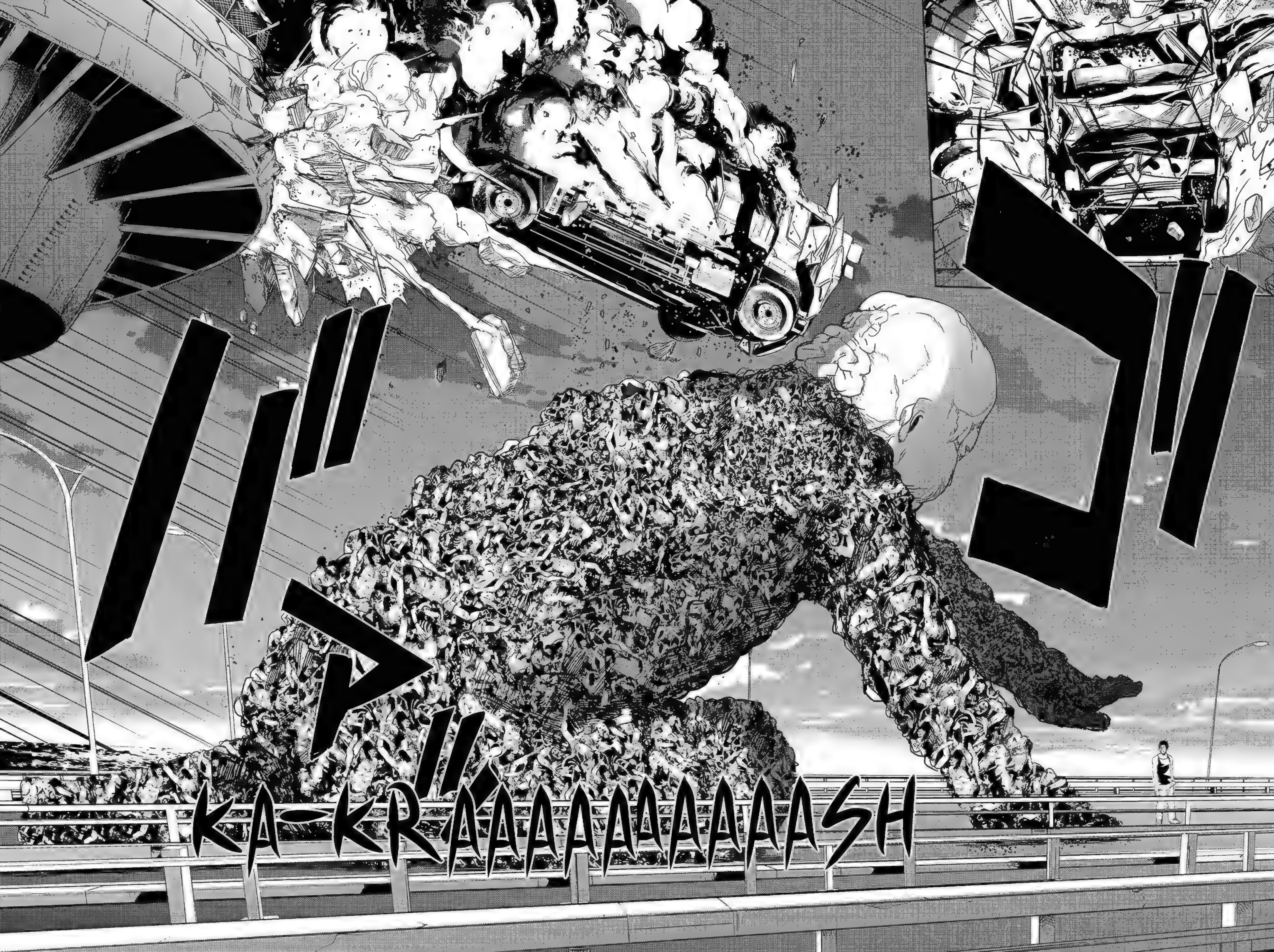

EEEEEEUU UUUUUUU UGH-
シチ
SQUISH
NGHAAAAA!
ニチャ
SQUISH
URK-
ズルッ
SHLURP
チョプ
SLURP
チュッ
SHLEP
UWAH!
チュッ
LICK
AAAAAH!
ポッ
POP

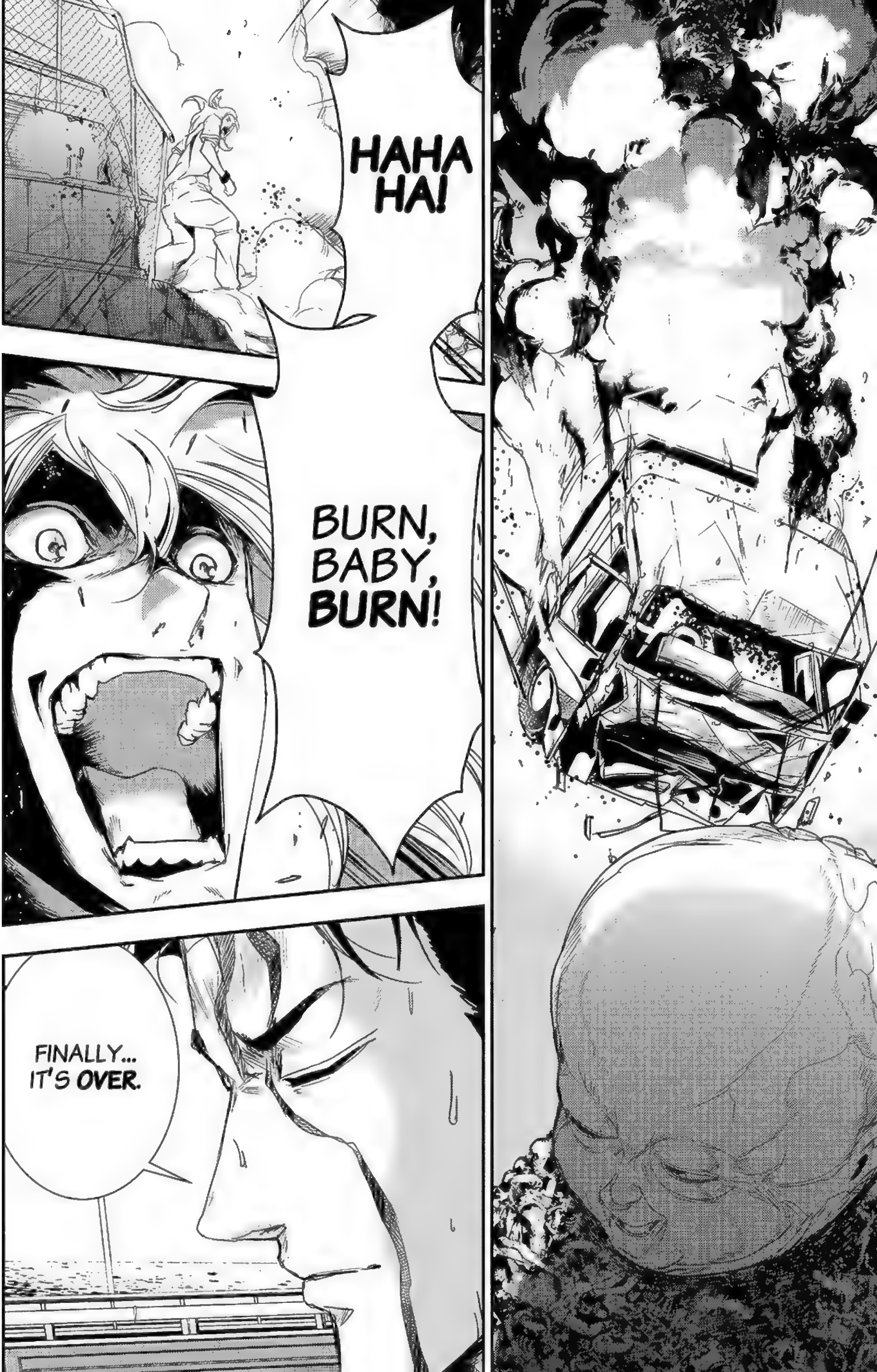

KACHUNK
ドドド
SKREEEEEEE!

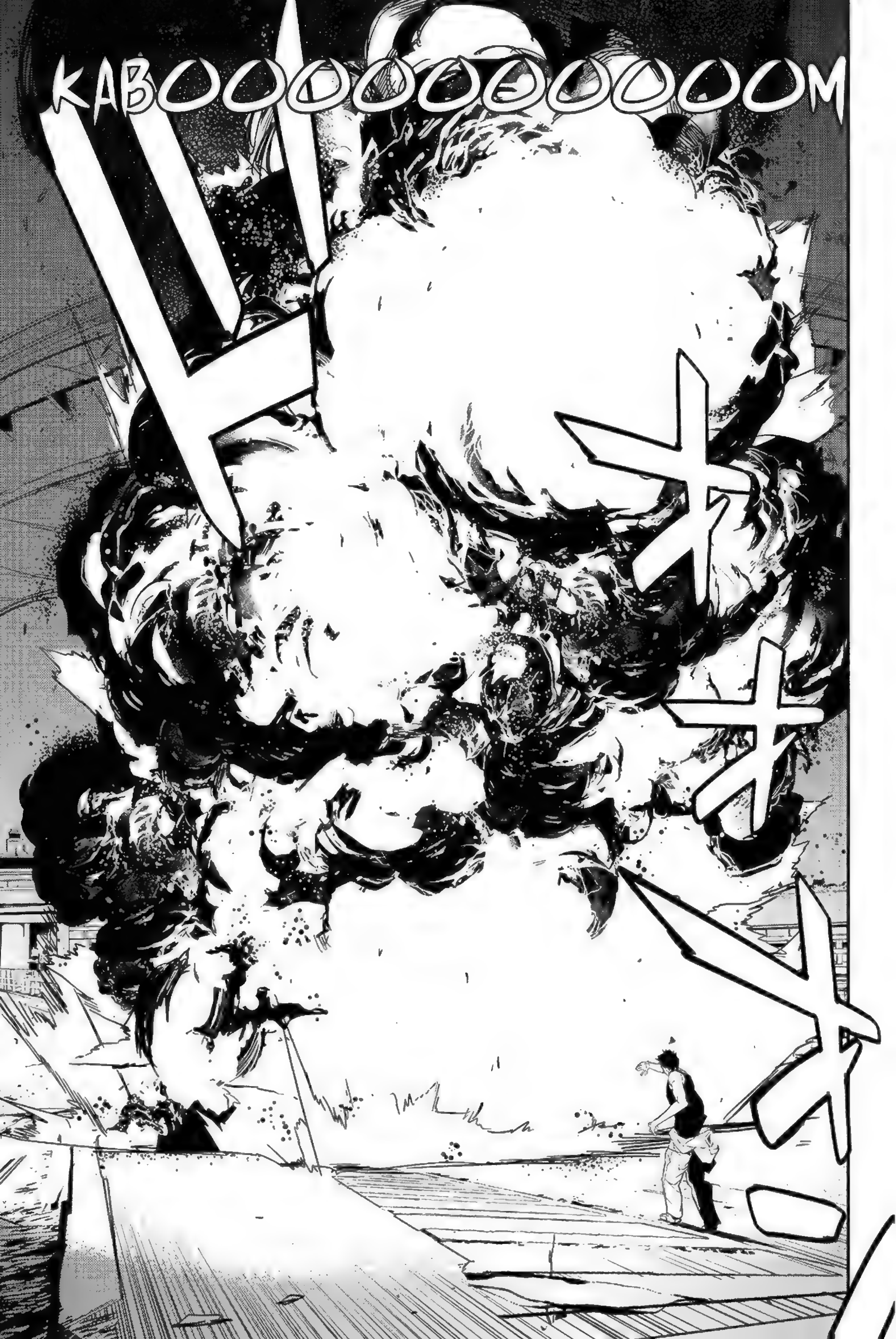

SMASH
ZNNNN
WHOA!


OW!
ドザッ
SON OF A...
IWA-KURA-KUN!
RUN!
MAEDA...
YOU RUN, TOO.
IWAKURA-KUN?


SLITHER
SLITHER
A WORD OF ADVICE.
BULLETS DON'T
ONLY COME AT YOU FROM THE FRONT.
VROOOOOOOOOOM


KA-KRAAAAAAAAAASH


HAHA HA!
BURN, BABY, BURN!
FINALLY... IT'S OVER.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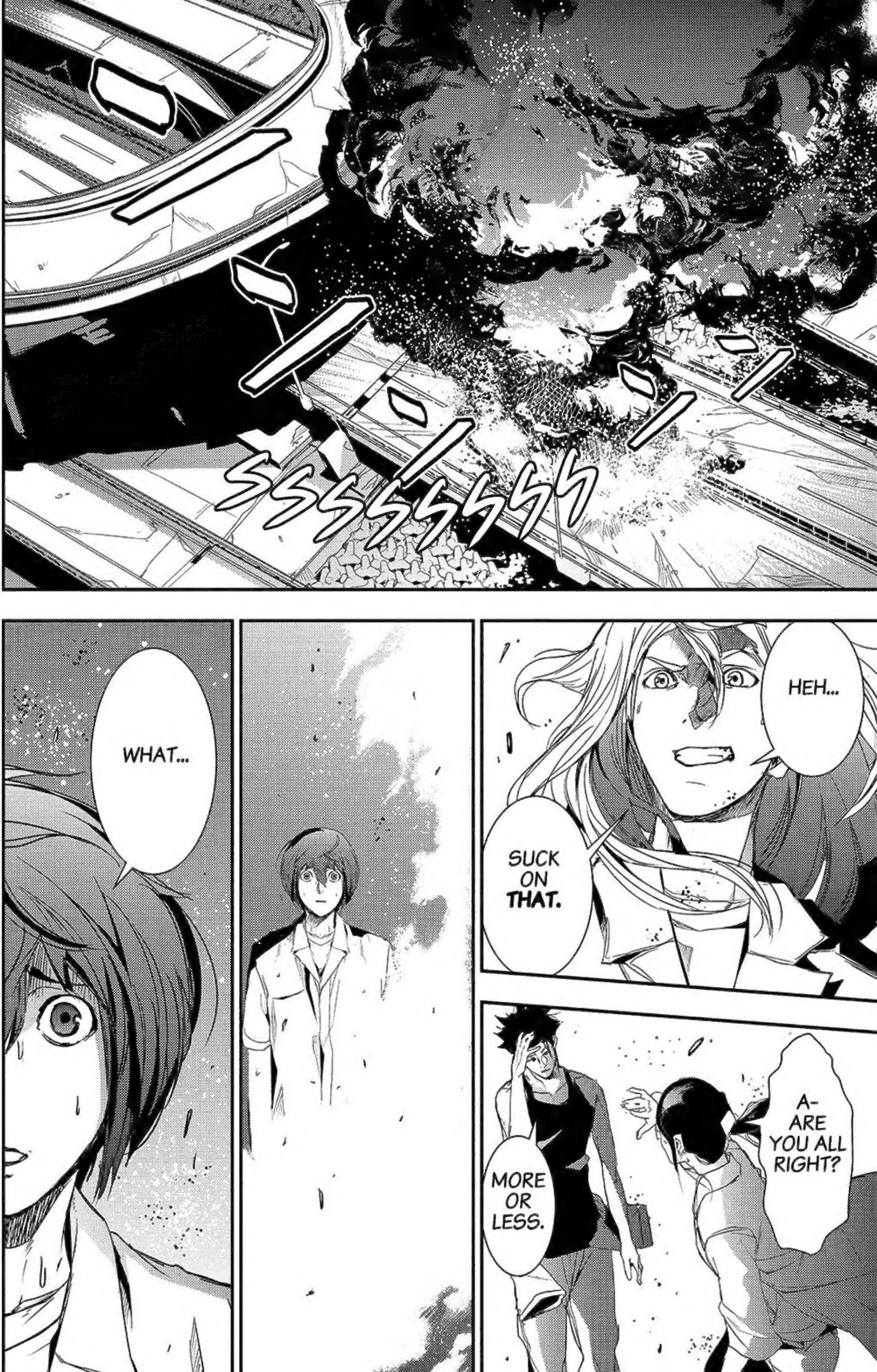
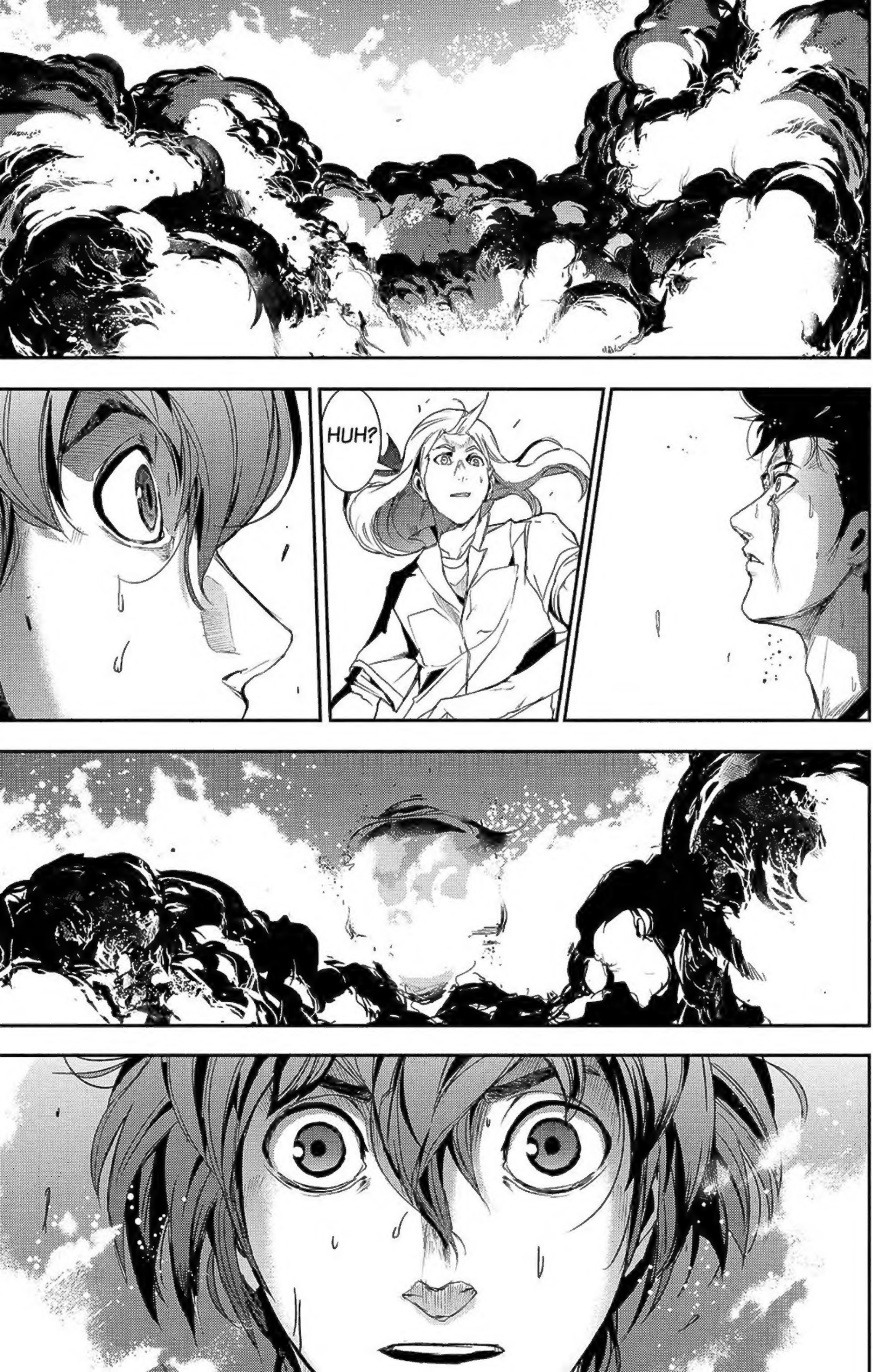
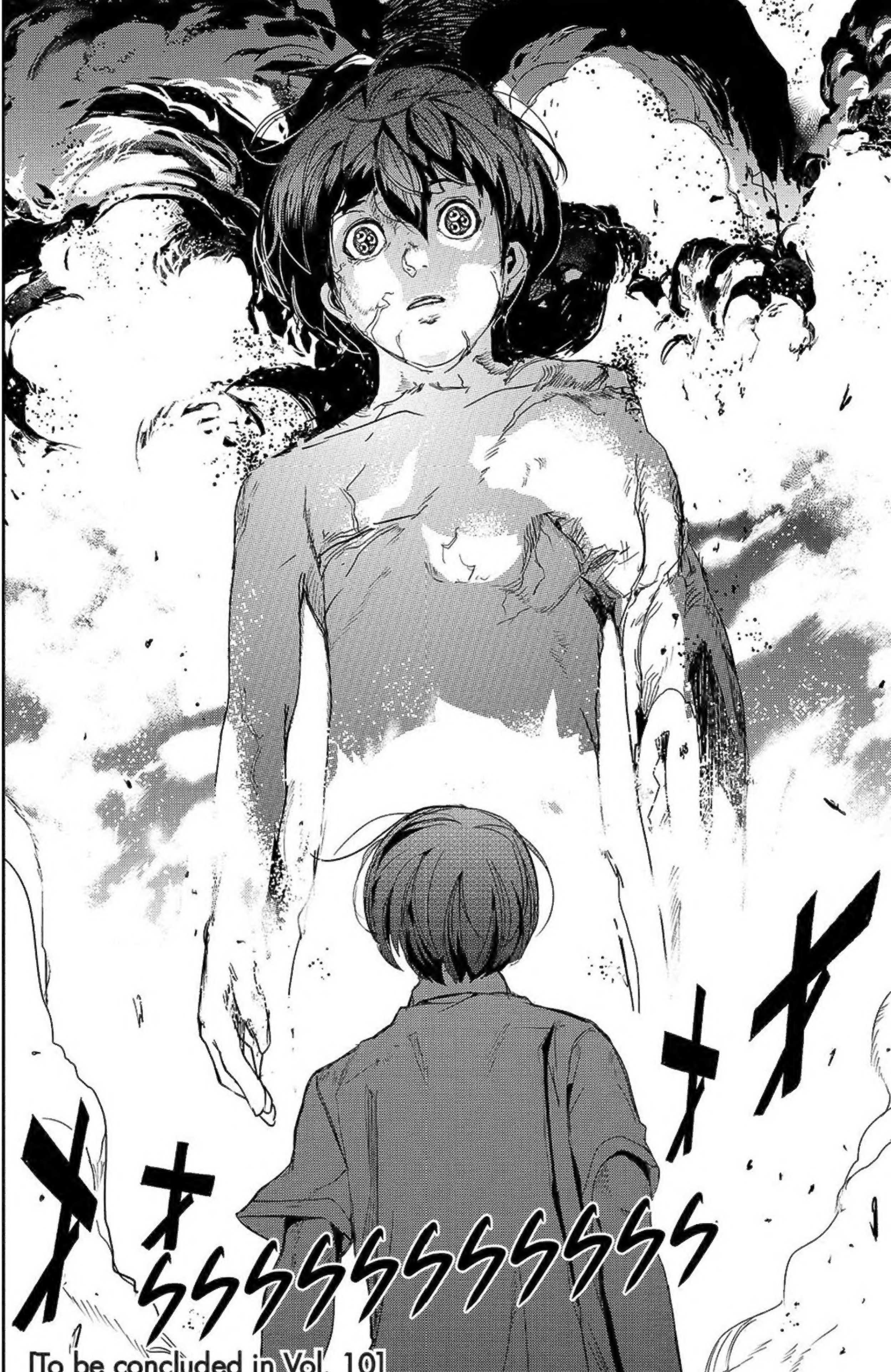

SSSSSSSSS
HEH...
SUCK ON THAT.
A- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MORE OR LESS.
WHAT...


HUH?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